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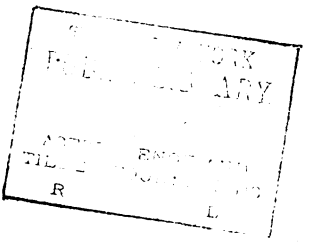

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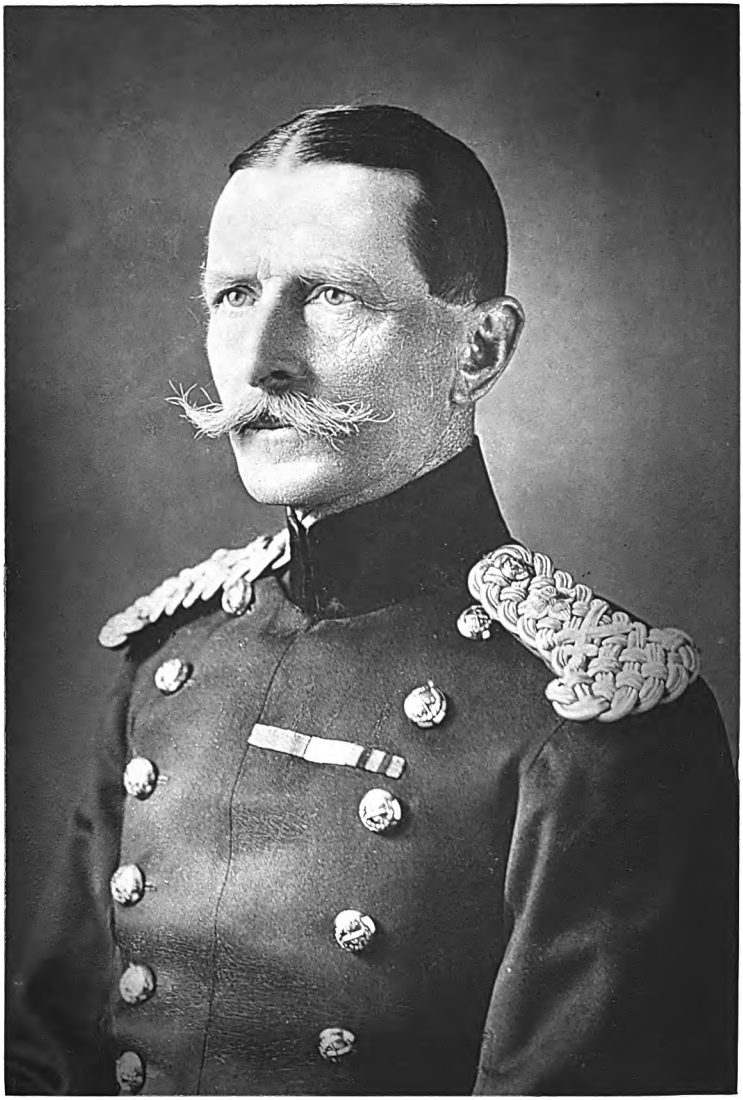

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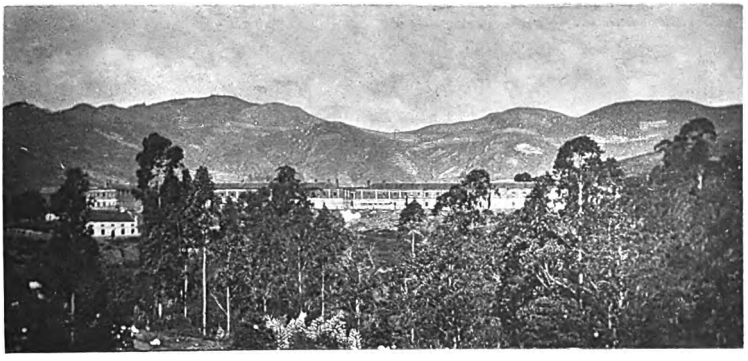

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JANUARY.

1 M	1791, 52nd, in pursuit of Tippoo, reached Terrimungulum.
2 Tu	1831, 43rd arrived home from Gibraltar. 1859, Private H. Addison, 43rd, gained the **V.C.** in Punnah Jungle, Indian Mutiny.
3 W	1809, *2nd Battalion* 43rd and *1st Battalion* 52nd at Calcabellos (Spain) during retreat on Corunna, rear-guard had a smart skirmish. 1865, Colour-Sergeant Joseph Cooper promoted Quartermaster (43rd).
4 Th	○ 1h. 30m. p.m. 1815, *1st Battalion* 52nd under orders for North America, afterwards changed to Belgium, embarked at Portsmouth. 1831, 52nd embarked at Bristol for Waterford (Ireland).
5 F	1809, retreat on Corunna, throughout the day on the River Constantino, the rear-guard engaged with pursuing French.
6 S	1827, new Colours presented to 43rd by Mrs. Haverfield at Gibraltar.
7 S	1756, 52nd raised as 54th Foot. 1815, 43rd landed at Cat Island, America.
8 M	1807, *1st Battalion* 52nd on return from expedition to Sicily, landed in England and proceeded to Canterbury. 1815, Lieuts. Duncan Campbell, Meyricke and Wilkinson (43rd) *killed* at New Orleans (America).
9 Tu	1809, retreat on Corunna, rear-guard action on River Ladro.
10 W	1803, Horse Guards' authority issued for *1st Battalion* 52nd being called "Light Infantry," the *2nd Battalion* to be separated and to become 96th Regiment of Foot.
11 Th	☾ 7h. 43m. a.m. 1809, retreat on Corunna, rearguard busily engaged.
12 F	1809, retreat on Corunna, rear-guard actions close to Corunna.
13 S	1809, Sir John Moore's retreat on Corunna; *1st Battalion* 43rd and *2nd Battalion* 52nd embarked at Vigo for England. 1814, Merxem (Netherlands); *2nd Battalion* 52nd engaged all day holding the village against the French. 1900, *1st Battalion* arrived in South Africa.
14 S	1809, retreat on Corunna; Sir John Moore's Army in position at Monelos covering embarkation of sick and baggage.
15 M	1887, 43rd left Bombay for England after 14½ years' service in India. 1889, the sword worn by Sir John Moore at Corunna presented to the 43rd by General Lynedoch Gardiner, C.B.
16 Tu	1809, battle of **Corunna**; death of Sir John Moore.

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JANUARY.

17	W	1809, *2nd Battalion* 43rd and *1st Battalion* 52nd embarked for England after Corunna. 1827, 43rd arrived in Portugal as part of the Army of Occupation.
18	Th	1803, 52nd made *Light Infantry*.
19	F	● 11hr. 10m. a.m. 1812, **Ciudad Rodrigo**; Major-General Craufurd, commanding the Light Division, mortally wounded.
20	S	1812, Light Division marched to El Boden after Ciudad Rodrigo.
21	S	1900, *1st Battalion* with force concentrating at Naauwpoort, Orange River.
22	M	1863, 43rd arrived at Fort William, Calcutta, from Barrackpore.
23	Tu	1803, final separation at Chatham of the two Battalions 52nd.
24	W	1889, 43rd reviewed by Queen Victoria at Osborne.
25	Th	1809, *2nd Battalion* 43rd and *1st Battalion* 52nd arrived at Portsmouth from Corunna. 1815, 52nd quartered at St. Germains, near Paris.
26	F	1801, 52nd landed at Ramsgate from Lisbon.
27	S	☽ 8h. 51m. a.m. 1809, *1st Battalion* 43rd and *2nd Battalion* 52nd disembarked in England, after the retreat on Corunna, the former having lost 1 Captain, 1 Sergeant, and 65 rank and file.
28	S	1817, *2nd Battalion* 43rd disbanded.
29	M	1856, 52nd at Cawnpore (India) joined the Oudh Field Force under Brigadier-General Wheeler.
30	Tu	1854, 43rd arrived at Madras (India) from South Africa.
31	W	1856, 52nd took part in the Occupation of Oudh.

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1 TH	1833, 52nd relieved 43rd at Beggar's Bush Barracks, Dublin. 1908, H.M. Charles I., King of Portugal, was assassinated at Lisbon.
2 F	○ 11h. 58m. p.m. 1814, *2nd Battalion* 52nd engaged in attack on suburbs of Antwerp, which had been re-occupied by the French.
3 S	1797, Sergeant-Major Robert Kipling, 43rd, promoted Ensign.
4 S	1814, 52nd at siege of Antwerp (Belgium).
5 M	1762, 43rd at first capture of **Martinique.** 1792, 52nd encamped at French Rocks, before Seringapatam and Tippoo Sahib's Army.
6 TU	1792, 52nd engaged in night attack on **Seringapatam.** 1857, Sergeant-Major George Garland, 43rd, promoted Ensign.
7 W	1792, during the attack on Seringapatam on the night of the 6th and morning of the 7th, the 52nd lost 1 Officer, 1 Sergeant, and 9 rank and file *killed;* and 5 Officers, 2 Sergeants, and 23 rank and file *wounded,* and 9 men *missing.*
8 TH	1814, 52nd engaged in the assault on **Bergen-op-Zoom** (Holland).
9 F	1792, 52nd took part in the siege of Seringapatam.
10 S	☾ 0h. 51m. a.m. 1900, 1*st Battalion* ordered to take part in the invasion of the Orange Free State.
11 S	1791, 52nd reached Vellore (Southern India) in pursuit of Tippoo.
12 M	1860, Sir William Napier died. 1900, 1*st Battalion*, in the invasion of the Orange Free State, reached Ramdam.
13 TU	1900, invasion of Orange Free State, 1*st Battalion* at Waterval Drift.
14 W	St. Valentine. 1791, 52nd, pursuing Tippoo, arrived at Chittipet.
15 TH	1900, 1*st Battalion* engaged with the Boers at Klip Drift.
16 F	1827, occupation of Portugal, 43rd quartered at Leiria. 1900, 1*st Battalion*, at **Klip-Kraal**, South Africa, lost 9 men *killed*, and 1 Officer and 40 men *wounded.*

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FEBRUARY.

17 S	Commencement of the campaign of 1814. 1900, 1*st Battalion* in pursuit of Cronje.
18 S	● 5h. 44m. a.m. 1791, 52nd, in pursuit of Tippoo, ascended the Ghauts (Southern India). 1900, 1*st Battalion*, at the **Battle of Paardeberg**, lost Major Day (mortally wounded), Lieuts. Bright and Ball-Acton and 5 rank and file *killed*; 3 Officers and 27 rank and file *wounded*.
19 M	1798, 52nd embarked at Madras for England after 15 years in India. 1900, 1*st Battalion* engaged at Kitchener's Kop, 6 rank and file *wounded*. 1901, H.M. the King of Portugal appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment.
20 Tu	Shrove Tuesday. 1809, Captain Joseph Carruthers, 43rd, died from the effects of a fall from his horse during the Corunna retreat. 1900, 1*st Battalion* investing Cronje.
21 W	Ash Wednesday. 1814, the Light Division marching from Sala towards Orthes. 1900, 1*st Battalion* engaged at Paardeberg.
22 Th	1810, General Craufurd's Light Brigade converted into the Light Division.
23 F	1812, 2*nd Battalion* 52nd at Ciudad Rodrigo (under orders for England) transferred 490 men to the 1*st Battalion*.
24 S	1791, 52nd marched on Colar against Tippoo. 1900, 1*st Battalion* opposite Cronje's Laager.
25 S	☽ 7h. 27m. p.m. 1814, 52nd disputing the passage of the **Gave du Pau** prior to the battle of **Orthes.**
26 M	1812, 1*st Battalion* 52nd from Ciudad Rodrigo marched on Badajoz. 1852, loss of the *Birkenhead* off Danger Point, South Africa; the 43rd had a draft of 1 Officer, 1 Sergeant, and 40 rank and file on board, of whom only 1 Officer (Lieut. Girardot) and 14 rank and file were saved.
27 Tu	1814, battle of **Orthes.** 1900, 1*st Battalion* present at the **Surrender of Cronje** and 4,072 Boers at Paardeberg, after 9 days' investment.
28 W	1814, the Light Division engaged in pursuit of the French after Orthes.
29 Th	1812, 52nd marching on Badajoz.

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1	F	St. David's Day. 1814, on the road to Toulouse in pursuit of the French army, arrived at Mont de Marson.
2	S	1814, pursuing the French, near St. Maurice.
3	S	○ 10h. 42m. a.m. 1791, 52nd engaged in pursuit of Tippoo's Army.
4	M	1791, 52nd came up with Tippoo's Army near Bangalore.
5	Tu	1791, commencement of the siege of **Bangalore** (India), 52nd present.
6	W	1900, 1*st Battalion*, marching on Bloemfontein, halted at Osfontein.
7	Th	1870, Colour-Sergeant Denis Trehy and Private Charles Harman (43rd) awarded the Royal Humane Society's medal. 1900, 1*st Battalion* took part in the advance on Bloemfontein.
8	F	1814, 52nd in reserve at night attack on **Bergen-op-Zoom.**
9	S	1811, pursuit of Massena.
10	S	☾ 7h. 56m. p.m. 1879, 43rd left Madras for Rangoon, Burmah. 1886, 43rd left Quetta, Biluchistan, having lost 1 Officer and 92 rank and file in 10 months (from sickness). 1900, 1*st Battalion* on rearguard at **Driefontein.**
11	M	1811, skirmish at Pombal (Peninsula). 1858, Capt. W. R. Moorsom, 52nd, *killed* at Lucknow.
12	Tu	1811, combat of **Redinha.**
13	W	1852, Lieut. Hon. H. Wrottesley, 43rd, *killed* in action at **Fuller's** Hoek, Kaffir war. 1870, the depôt 52nd attached to 43rd. 1900, 1*st Battalion* took part in the **Capture of Bloemfontein.**
14	Th	1811, combat of **Cazal Novo.** 1900, 1*st Battalion* marched into Bloemfontein.
15	F	1797, 43rd (1,000 strong), left Cowes for the West Indies. 1811, affair of **Foz d'Arronce.** 1905, Lance-Sergt. L. J. Jones promoted 2nd Lieut. *Lancashire Fusiliers.*
16	S	1794, 43rd at second capture of **Martinique.** 1852, 52nd moved from Limerick to Dublin. 1853, end of the Kaffir War. 1885, 52nd moved from Gibraltar to Egypt.

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MARCH.

17 S	St. Patrick's Day. 1776, 52nd left Boston for Halifax (N.S.). 1811, Sergeant-Major Kent, 43rd, promoted Ensign 60th Foot for his Peninsular War services, and Sergeant-Major Mitchell, 52nd, promoted Ensign 88th Regiment.
18 M	● 10h. 9m. p.m. 1811, skirmish at Ponte de Marcella.
19 Tu	1812, commencement of third siege of **Badajoz.**
20 W	1814, engagement at Tarbes with the French.
21 Th	1791, 52nd engaged at the capture of Bangalore Fortress.
22 F	1842, 52nd left Barbados (West Indies) for Canada. 1847, new Colours presented to the 43rd by Lady Pakenham, at Southsea.
23 S	1886, 43rd arrived at Poona from Quetta.
24 S	1741, the 43rd raised and numbered 54th.
25 M	Lady Day. 1812, siege of **Badajoz**; capture of the outwork of La Picurina.
26 Tu	☽ 3h. 2m. a.m. 1879, 43rd arrived at Thayetmyo (Burmah) from India.
27 W	1815, 1*st Battalion* 52nd left Plymouth for the Waterloo campaign.
28 Th	1886, 52nd left Egypt for India.
29 F	1790, 52nd reached Aulloor (Southern India).
30 S	1885, 43rd left Bangalore (India) for Quetta (Biluchistan); strength, 19 Officers, 794 rank and file.
31 S	Palm Sunday. 1864, 52nd arrived at Portsmouth from India.

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APRIL.

1 M	○ 10h. 5m. p.m. 1857, green goat's-hair plumes ordered to be worn in head-dress of Officers of 43rd in lieu of the ball-tufts. 1862, the establishment of the 43rd increased by one trained Bandmaster.
2 Tu	1811, the Light Division encamped near Sabugal.
3 W	1811, combat of **Sabugal**; Lieuts. McDermid and Creighton, 43rd, *killed*.
4 Th	1815, 1*st Battalion* 52nd halted in Brussels on the way to Grammont.
5 F	**Good Friday.** 1846, 43rd arrived home from Canada.
6 S	1812, storming of **Badajoz,** 43rd lost Colonel Macleod, Commanding, and Lieuts. Hodgson, Harvest, and Taggart; 52nd lost Captains Jones, Madden, and Poole, and Lieuts. Booth and Royle.
7 ☉	**Easter Sunday.** 1815, 1*st Battalion* 52nd reached Grammont (Belgium) and took over effectives of 2*nd Battalion*, which returned to England.
8 M	*Bank Holiday.* 1810, 2*nd Battalion* 52nd marched from Chatham to London to assist in quelling riots.
9 Tu	☾ 3h. 24m. p.m. 1885, 43rd left Kurrachee (Sind) by rail for Rindli, Bolan Pass.
10 W	1814, battle of **Toulouse.**
11 Th	1814, Treaty of Paris signed; Napoleon retired to Elba. 1886, 52nd arrived at Bombay from Egypt.
12 F	1817, 43rd moved from Bapaume to Valenciennes (France).
13 S	1814, 52nd piquets entered Toulouse. 1886, 43rd entertained 52nd (half Batt.) passing through Poona.
14 ☉	1815, 2*nd Battalion* 52nd embarked at Ostend for England.
15 M	1814, 43rd and 52nd quartered near Toulouse.
16 Tu	1797, 43rd arrived at Jamaica.

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APRIL.

17 W	● 11h. 40m. a.m. 1863, Field-Marshal Lord Seaton died.
18 Th	1775, 52nd embarked at Boston for attack on Concord, North America. 1842, 52nd arrived in Canada. 1866, 43rd left Auckland, New Zealand, for home.
19 F	1775, combat of **Lexington**, America. 1886, 52nd arrived at Bangalore (India) from Egypt.
20 S	1815, *2nd Battalion* 52nd reached Canterbury on return from Belgium.
21 S	1794, 43rd at capture of **Guadaloupe**. 1864, 43rd engaged at **Maketu**, New Zealand.
22 M	1814, 52nd quartered in suburbs of Toulouse, on declaration of peace.
23 Tu	St. George's Day. 1811, affair of outposts on the River Azava (Spain).
24 W	☽ 8h. 47m. a.m. 1811, second affair of outposts on the River Azava.
25 Th	1864, 43rd engaged with Maories (New Zealand).
26 F	1868, 43rd arrived at the Channel Islands from Aldershot.
27 S	1810, the Light Division marched to Almeida.
28 S	1759, battle of **Sillery**, America.
29 M	1810, the Light Division at Gallegos joined by Captain Ross's troop of R.H.A. 1864, 43rd present at the assault of the **Gate Pa**, New Zealand; 7 Officers *killed* and 2 *wounded*.
30 Tu	1808, 52nd embarked for Sweden. 1888, 43rd moved from Shorncliffe to Parkhurst (Isle of Wight).

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MAY.

1	W	○ 10h. 19m. a.m. 1885, left wing 43rd reached Quetta (Biluchistan).
2	Th	1811, the Light Division fell back from Gallegos towards the plains of Fuentes d'Onor.
3	F	1873, 52nd left Malta for Gibraltar in H.M.S. *Tamar*.
4	S	1811, the Light Division on the River Duas Casas, near Fuentes d'Onor.
5	S	1811, battle of **Fuentes d'Onor.**
6	M	Accession Day. 1841, death of Lt.-Colonel Henry Booth, commanding 43rd.
7	Tu	1811, the Light Division in pursuit of the French after the battle of Fuentes d'Onor.
8	W	1757, 43rd left England for North America. 1801, Major-General John Moore appointed Colonel of the 52nd.
9	Th	☾ 9h. 56m. a.m. 1873, 52nd arrived at Gibraltar.
10	F	1811, the Light Division at Gallegos.
11	S	1809, detachments (2 companies) of 52nd served with Brigadier-General Stewart's Brigade in the attack on the heights of Grijou (Portugal).
12	S	1809, passage of the **Douro.**
13	M	1841, percussion fire-locks issued to the 52nd in place of flint-locks. 1857, first news of Mutiny at Delhi reached the 52nd at Sealkote.
14	Tu	1861, Indian Mutiny medals presented to 43rd at Madras.
15	W	1791, engagement at **Seringapatam,** 52nd present.
16	Th	● 20h. 14m. p.m. Ascension Day. 1813, at Espeja (Spain) prior to opening of campaign, during which the French were driven finally out of Spain. The Light Division reviewed by Lord Wellington.

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MAY.

17 F	1808, 52nd with Army for protection of Sweden, reached the roadstead of Gothenburg from England.
18 S	1866, death of Sir John Maxwell Tylden, of Peninsular fame.
19 S	1874, 52nd embarked in H.M.S. *Tamar* at Gibraltar for England.
20 M	1837, Headquarters 52nd disembarked at Gibraltar; first visit to the place.
21 Tu	1813, the Light Division left winter quarters and marched into Spain.
22 W	1813, the Light Division moving towards Salamanca, and driving Joseph Buonaparte from Portugal to the Pyrenees.
23 Th	☽ 2h. 11m. p.m. 1870, New Zealand War medals presented to the 43rd. 1900, Sergeant F. Hudson, *1st Battalion*, promoted 2nd Lieutenant *S. Lanc. Regt.*
24 F	1809, 43rd marched from Colchester to Harwich *en route* for Portugal.
25 S	1809, 43rd, 52nd, and 95th embarked for Portugal.
26 S	**Whit Sunday.** 1874, 52nd arrived at Portsmouth from Gibraltar and went into Cambridge Barracks after a tour of 6 years in the Mediterranean.
27 M	*Bank Holiday.* 1857, 52nd joined the Punjab Field Force under Brigadier-General Nicholson at Wuzeerabad, and by order of its Commanding Officer (Colonel Campbell) was dressed in *khaki*; the first Regiment so clothed.
28 Tu	1845, great fire at Quebec; 43rd gave valuable assistance in putting it out.
29 W	1848, 52nd employed in aid of the civil power at Bradford.
30 Th	○ 11h. 30m. p.m. 1865, death of Sir J. Shaw Kennedy, K.C.B. (43rd).
31 F	1816, *2nd Battalion* 52nd finally disbanded at Canterbury.

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JUNE.

1 S	1813, the Light Division passed the Douro and encamped at Toro.
2 S	**Trinity Sunday.** 1825, Lt.-Colonel James Fergusson appointed to the command of the 52nd, *vice* Sir J. Colborne promoted.
3 M	*King's Birthday.* 1814, 1*st Battalion* 52nd proceeded from Castel Sarrasin (France) to Bordeaux, whence, on the 17th, it embarked for England. 1859, burning of the *Eastern Monarch*; detachment of the 52nd on board.
4 Tu	1885, commencement of cholera epidemic in the 43rd at Quetta, which in a few months decimated the Regiment.
5 W	1835, 43rd left England for New Brunswick, North America.
6 Th	1765, 52nd embarked at Cork for North America.
7 F	1842, 52nd moved from St. John to Fredericton, New Brunswick.
8 S	☾ 2h. 36m. a.m. 1804, 52nd encamped at Shorncliffe.
9 S	1823, 52nd embarked at Cove for Halifax (N.S.).
10 M	1850, 52nd moved to Liverpool.
11 Tu	1762, capture of **Moro**, Havanna, 43rd present. 1812, the Light Division left El Boden (Spain) *en route* to Salamanca. 1885, Lieut. Spencer, 43rd, died of cholera at Quetta.
12 W	1776, 43rd and 52nd left Halifax (N.S.) for Staten Island. 1813, at Horillas (Spain), the Light Division caught up the French rear-guard and was occupied all day.
13 Th	1811, the Light Division crossed the Tagus.
14 F	1815, 52nd marching through Belgium on Enghien, news of Napoleon's intended attack having arrived. 1856, 52nd attacked by cholera at Lucknow, and during the next two months lost 86 men.
15 S	● 6h. 24m. a.m. 1804, 43rd joined Sir John Moore's Brigade at Shorncliffe Camp. 1815, 52nd reached Enghien (Waterloo Campaign).
16 S	1815, 43rd left England to join Wellington's Army in Belgium. 1815, 52nd with Sir H. Clinton's Division marched on Soignies, halted for the night at Brain-le-Conte at midnight in torrents of rain.

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JUNE.

17 M 1775, battle of **Bunker's Hill** (America). 1815, 52nd started at 2 a.m., reached Waterloo, and remained in bivouac in a ploughed field in heavy rain.

18 Tu 1815, battle of **Waterloo**; 52nd lost 1 Officer, 1 Sergeant, and 36 rank and file *killed*, and 8 Officers, 10 Sergeants, and 150 rank and file *wounded*.

19 W 1775, affair of **Lexington** (America); Lieut. Hull, 43rd, *killed*. 1815, 52nd commenced march on Paris.

20 Th 1815, 52nd, in pursuit of the French after Waterloo, reached Binck.

21 F 1813, battle of **Vittoria**. 1864, engagement of **Te Ranga** (43rd); Captain Smith, 43rd, gained the **V.C.**

22 S 1813, the Light Division in pursuit of the French after Vittoria.

23 S ☽ 8h. 39m. p.m. 1811, the Light Division reached Campo Mayor.

24 M **Midsummer Day**. 1813, pursuit of the French; Light Division close to Pamplona.

25 Tu 1800, 1*st Battalion* 52nd left Southampton to join expedition to Quiberon. 1844, Sergeant-Major Fuller, 52nd, promoted Ensign.

26 W 1813, the Light Division pursuing the French reached Olonez. 1889, Sergeant Thomas Diver, 43rd, promoted 2nd Lieutenant *Warwickshire Regt.*

27 Th 1813, the Light Division at Olité.

28 F 1778, 52nd engaged at Freehold, New Jersey. 1814, 1*st Battalion* 52nd arrived at Plymouth on termination of the Peninsular War.

29 S ○ 1h. 34m. p.m. 1809, 52nd arrived off Lisbon and proceeded in boats up the Tagus to Vallada. 1900, 1*st Battalion* Mounted Infantry engaged at Elandsfontein, 1 Officer and 3 rank and file *wounded*.

30 S 1853, Headquarters 52nd left Cork for India (2nd visit). 1866, 43rd reached England from New Zealand.

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JULY.

1 M	1815, 52nd halted within sight of Paris and had an affair of outposts with the French Army, which after Waterloo had retired on Paris. 1881, 43rd and 52nd formed into *The Oxfordshire Light Infantry*.
2 Tu	1815, 52nd in bivouac at Argenteuil on the Seine, on the outskirts of Paris.
3 W	1809, at Vallada, in the Tagus, 43rd, 52nd, and 95th, formed into *The Light Brigade* under Major-General Craufurd.
4 Th	1815, camped in the Bois de Boulogne, Paris.
5 F	1815, capitulation of Paris.
6 S	1781, action at **James Town** (America). 1809, the Light Brigade commenced its march to join the Army under Sir Arthur Wellesley, which was moving on Talavera.
7 S	☾ 4h. 47m. p.m. 1815, 52nd entered Paris with 71st and 95th—the only British troops who *entered* the city; camped in the Champs Elysées. 1858, 43rd completed a march of 1,300 miles through Central India, having lost 3 Officers and 61 men.
8 M	1810, 52nd at Val de la Mula, near the River Coa (Portugal).
9 Tu	1803, 52nd joined Sir John Moore's brigade at Shorncliffe Camp. 1857, mutiny of native troops at Sealkote; the 52nd had left the station on 20th May to join the Punjab Field Force, and all its property at Sealkote was now looted or destroyed.
10 W	1810, **Ciudad Rodrigo** capitulated.
11 Th	1857, 52nd marched 42 miles in 20 hours to intercept the Sealkote mutineers, weather very hot.
12 F	1857, 52nd engaged mutineers at Timmoo Ghaut.
13 S	1857, 52nd actively engaged with mutineers. 1900, Sergeant F. Colquhoun, *1st Battalion*, promoted 2nd Lieut. *Leicestershire Regt.*
14 S	● 1h. 13m. p.m. 1857, 52nd took part in annihilation of Sealkote mutineers, losing during the 12th, 13th and 14th, 5 rank and file *killed*, and 2 Officers, 18 rank and file *wounded* (4 rank and file also died of apoplexy).
15 M	1813, engagement on the **Heights of Vera**; halted and took part with the troops in covering the blockade of Pamplona and the siege of San Sebastian.
16 Tu	1857, 52nd engaged mutineers about the **Ravee River.**

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JULY.

17 W	1803, 43rd made *Light Infantry*. 1857, 52nd marched to Goodaseepoor *en route* to Delhi. 1894, Sergeant-Major B. Stannard, 52nd, promoted Quartermaster.
18 Th	1824, 52nd arrived in Canada on its first visit.
19 F	1812, with Wellington's Army manœuvring before Salamanca.
20 S	1812, Wellington's Army and that of Marmont marching parallel to each other and within musket-shot throughout the day, neither finding an opportunity to attack.
21 S	☽ 5h. 18m. a.m. 1812, the Light Division in bivouac at San Martin, near Salamanca. 1847, 52nd left Quebec for England.
22 M	1790, 52nd engaged at the capture of Coimbatore (Southern India). 1812, battle of **Salamanca** (Spain); Light Division in reserve.
23 Tu	1812, Light Division in pursuit of the French about Huerta. 1818, new Colours presented to the 43rd at Valenciennes (France) by Lady Blakeney.
24 W	1807, 52nd embarked at Deal for service in Denmark. 1810, combat of the **Coa** near Almeida; Colonel Hull, commanding, Captain Ewen Cameron and Lieut. Mason, 43rd, *killed*.
25 Th	1827, occupation of Portugal, 43rd quartered at Thomar
26 F	1810, the Light Division fell back after Almeida to Freixedas, where it remained whilst the French besieged the fortress of Almeida.
27 S	1809, the Light Brigade, under Craufurd, reached Navalmoral, 50 miles from Talavera, at sunset.
28 S	1809, the Light Brigade started at dawn on the famous forced march on Talavera (62 miles in 26 hours with only 17 stragglers); battle of **Talavera**, 1 Company 43rd and 52nd engaged. 1865, Captain Close, 43rd, *killed* in action, New Zealand War.
29 M	○ 4h. 28m. a.m. 1807, 43rd embarked for Copenhagen. 1896, Quartermaster-Sergeant A. B. Molesworth promoted Quartermaster 1*st Battalion*.
30 Tu	1809, the Light Brigade took over advanced-guard and outpost duties of the Army at Talavera. 1877, Martini-Henry rifles issued to 43rd at Bellary (India).
31 W	1809, 2*nd Battalion* 43rd embarked as part of the expedition to Walcheren.

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AUGUST.

1 Th	1807, *2nd Battalion* 52nd sailed from Deal for Denmark, having embarked the week previous. 1900, *1st Battalion* in pursuit of the Boer Commander, De Wet.
2 F	1830, the Gorget and Black Cockade abolished.
3 S	1809, the Army marched from Talavera to Oropeza; a trying march, owing to the heat and want of water.
4 S	1809, the Army *en route* from Talavera to Campo Mayor, suffered much from heat and want of provisions.
5 M	*Bank Holiday.* 1827, occupation of Portugal, 43rd halted at Barro.
6 Tu	☾ 4h. 18m. a.m. 1812, after Salamanca the Light Division at the head of the Army marched on Madrid. 1880, 52nd moved from Aldershot to Chatham.
7 W	1798, 52nd, after 15 years in India, arrived at Chatham; strength, 18 Officers, 166 rank and file.
8 Th	1804, *2nd Battalion* 52nd formed at Newbury, Berks.
9 F	1817, 43rd (in Brigade with 7th and 23rd) reviewed by the Duke of Wellington at Valenciennes; strength, 785 of all ranks.
10 S	1804, *2nd Battalion* 43rd raised.
11 S	1804, William Napier joined the 43rd as Captain. 1812, the Light Division arrived at the Escurial, near Madrid, and halted in the Park.
12 M	● 7h. 58m. a.m. 1847, 52nd landed at Portsmouth after 11 years' foreign service.
13 Tu	1762, 43rd at the capture of **Havanna**. 1858, 43rd engaged at Chitrakote (Indian Mutiny).
14 W	1857, 52nd took part in the siege of Delhi.
15 Th	1884, 52nd left Ireland for Gibraltar.
16 F	1807, *2nd Battalion* 52nd, with the troops under General Harry Burrard, landed about 8 miles from Copenhagen (Denmark).

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AUGUST.

17 S	1790, 52nd took part in the siege of Dindigul (India).
18 S	1821, 43rd and 52nd reviewed by King George IV. in Dublin.
19 M	☽ 4h. 57m. p.m. 1808, 43rd and *2nd Battalion* 52nd landed in Portugal.
20 Tu	1884, 52nd arrived at Gibraltar on its 3rd visit.
21 W	1790, 52nd engaged in the assault on **Dindigul** (India). 1808, battle of **Vimiera.**
22 Th	1790, 52nd at assault on Paulighautcherry (India).
23 F	1793, 52nd present at the capture of **Pondicherry** (India).
24 S	1857, 52nd engaged at **Delhi.**
25 S	1800, both Battalions 52nd, which had left England about midsummer with a force on secret service under Sir J. Pulteney, landed in Spain. 1857, 52nd engaged all day before Delhi.
26 M	1800, both Battalions 52nd engaged the French at Ferrol. 1807, 43rd and 52nd engaged at Kioge, Denmark. 1808, *1st Battalion* 52nd landed in the Peninsula. 1891, General G. Whichcote, the last 52nd survivor of the Peninsular War and Waterloo, died, aged 97 years.
27 Tu	○ 7h. 59m. p.m. 1776, engagement at **Brook Lyne,** Long Island (America).
28 W	1857, 52nd at Delhi. 1893, death of Gen. Hon. Sir A. A. Spencer, G.C.B., Colonel of the Regiment.
29 Th	1808, 52nd on outpost duty near Torres Vedras (Portugal). 1812, 52nd quartered at Getafe, near Madrid.
30 F	1812, the Light Division engaged at the passage of the Bidassoa.
31 S	1782, orders issued connecting the 52nd with the county of Oxfordshire, and the 43rd with Monmouthshire. 1813, storming of **San Sebastian;** Lieut. O'Connell, 43rd, and Lieut. Harvest, 52nd, *killed.*

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SEPTEMBER.

1 S	1807, Danish Expedition, *2nd Battalion* 52nd engaged in the siege of Copenhagen.
2 M	1857, 52nd engaged besieging Delhi; over 200 men in hospital.
3 Tu	1822, 43rd left Ireland for Gibraltar, where it arrived on the 19th.
4 W	☾ 1h. 23m. p.m. 1809, the Light Division, on the left bank of the Tagus, near Almaraz, engaged with the French, and covered the march of the rest of the Army along the right bank.
5 Th	1807, siege of **Copenhagen.** 1858, 43rd engaged at Sahao (Indian Mutiny).
6 F	1857, 52nd before Delhi, 340 men of the Regiment in hospital with fever. 1858, 43rd engaged at Punghattee Pass (Indian Mutiny).
7 S	1760, capitulation of **Montreal** (Canada); 43rd present. 1807, surrender of **Copenhagen.** 1841, Sergeant-Major Wasp, 43rd, promoted Ensign. 1857, siege of Delhi; 52nd at siege work during the night within 300 yards of the guns of the fortress.
8 S	1857, siege of Delhi continued, 52nd at Brind's Battery. 1901, *1st Battalion* occupying blockhouses in Orange River Colony.
9 M	1821, Sergeant-Major Henry Sunderland, 52nd, promoted Ensign and Adjutant.
10 Tu	1790, 52nd present at the commencement of the siege of Pauli-ghautcherry (India).
11 W	● 3h. 49m. a.m. 1777, 43rd and flank companies 52nd engaged at **Brandywine** (American War of Independence).
12 Th	1777, Battalion companies 52nd embarked to capture Newark (North America).
13 F	1759, 43rd took part in the battle of **Quebec.**
14 S	1857, **Delhi,** 52nd present at the storming of the Cashmere Gate; *Victoria Crosses* won by Lance-Corporal Smith and Bugler Hawthorne. Sergeant-Major Streets for his conduct promoted to an Ensigncy in the 75th Regiment.
15 S	1857, 52nd took part in severe street fighting in Delhi.
16 M	1857, 52nd engaged in street fighting in Delhi.

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SEPTEMBER.

17 Tu	1759, Quebec surrendered; 43rd formed part of the garrison of occupation. 1828, terrible epidemic broke out in 43rd at Gibraltar. 1857, 52nd at Delhi. 1903, Quartermaster-Sergeant T. Ivey promoted Quartermaster, 1*st Battalion*.
18 W	☽ 7h. 55m. a.m. 1857, 52nd still engaged in the streets of Delhi.
19 Th	1857, during the engagements with the mutineers from August 14th to September 20th, the 52nd lost:—*killed*, 1 Officer, 1 Sergeant, and 25 rank and file; *wounded*, 3 Officers, 82 rank and file; *died* of cholera and other diseases, 98 N.C.O.'s and men.
20 F	1777, American War of Independence. The Light Company 52nd, with a small force under Major-General Grey, at night surprised and defeated 1,500 Americans with 4 guns.
21 S	1790, conclusion of the siege of Paulighautcherry, 52nd present.
22 S	1790, 52nd formed part of the army which entered Paulighautcherry after 12 days' siege; *killed*, 1 Sergeant; *wounded*, 1 Officer, 3 rank and file.
23 M	1868, 52nd left Ireland for Malta. 1911, Lance-Sergeant C. F. B. Smith promoted 2nd Lieutenant Suffolk Regiment.
24 Tu	1811, the Light Division at Horquerra on the River Vadillo (Spain).
25 W	1806, 1*st Battalion* 52nd left Plymouth for service in Sicily, where it remained until 1808.
26 Th	○ 11h. 34m. a.m. 1810, skirmish near Martagao during the retreat towards Busaco.
27 F	1810, Battle of **Busaco**. Private James Hopkins, 52nd, in this action, took prisoner the French General Simon; for his gallantry he received a pension of £20 a year.
28 S	1872, the 43rd embarked at Queenstown (Ireland) for India.
29 S	**Michaelmas Day**. 1790, 52nd marched from Coimbatore on Diraporam (India).
30 M	1810, commencement of retreat of Wellington's Army, after Busaco, on the lines of Torres Vedras, *viâ* Coimbra; the Light Division as rear-guard.

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OCTOBER.

1 Tu	1853, Headquarters 52nd arrived at Calcutta on its second visit to India.
2 W	1810, the Light Division retiring on Torres Vedras reached Pombal.
3 Th	☾ 8h. 48m. p.m. 1868, 52nd arrived at Malta, and after a week under canvas marched to Fort Ricasoli.
4 F	1777, 43rd and 52nd engaged at German Town (America). 1902, 1*st Battalion* arrived in England from the Boer War.
5 S	1795, 52nd at the capture of Manaar (Ceylon) from the Dutch. 1857, 52nd left Delhi for the Punjab.
6 S	1777, 52nd at the capture of Forts Montgomery and Clinton (American War of Independence).
7 M	1748, numbered 43rd. 1777, 52nd at the capture of Fort Constitution (America). 1813, passage of the Bidassoa.
8 Tu	1830, Colour-Sergeant S. Rand, 43rd, promoted Quartermaster; he was one of the first Colour-Sergeants of the Regiment, made in 1813 for distinguished service. 1863, 43rd left Calcutta for New Zealand War.
9 W	1813, the Light Division engaged close to the Pass of Vera, some of the heights and redoubts being still in the occupation of the French Army. 1872, on H.M.S. *Jumna* arriving at Malta, special leave was granted to the Sergeants of the 43rd, by the Governor of the Island, to go on shore and mess with the Sergeants of the 52nd.
10 Th	● 1h. 41m. p.m. 1810, at Arriuda (Portugal), the Light Division on piquet work; this went on for 5 weeks, until eventually the French retired into winter quarters. 1874, Sergeant-Major Charles Costeloe, 43rd, promoted Quartermaster.
11 F	1838, 52nd embarked at Gibraltar for Barbados (West Indies) after a stay of 2 years. 1870, Captain Hatchell, 43rd, drowned in Queenstown Harbour (Ireland). 1887, new Colours presented to the 43rd by Lady Aberdare (daughter of Sir William Napier) at Shorncliffe.
12 S	1851, 43rd left England for the Kaffir War.
13 S	1811, 52nd marched from Casillas de Flores to Robledo.
14 M	1810, occupying a portion of the lines of Torres Vedras.
15 Tu	1807, 43rd left Copenhagen for England.
16 W	1859, 43rd with Nagode Force in pursuit of rebels (Central India). 1908, the title of the Regiment changed to *The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.*

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OCTOBER.

17 Th	1811, 52nd marched from Robledo to Zamara preparatory to the siege of Ciudad Rodrigo.
18 F	☽ 2h. 6m. a.m. 1776, 52nd engaged at Pell's Point (America). 1791, 52nd took part in the storming of Nundydroog (India).
19 S	1881, 52nd moved from Chatham *viâ* Portsmouth to Ireland. 1887, the old Colours of the 43rd deposited in Monmouth Parish Church.
20 ☉	1817, 52nd as part of the Army of Occupation in France arrived at Thérouenne and went into cantonments.
21 M	1812, the Light Division made a movement to its left in consequence of the united forces of Soult and Joseph Buonaparte being in full march from Albacete upon Madrid.
22 Tu	1812, the Light Division reached Vicalbaro.
23 W	1818, 43rd, 52nd, and other Regiments of the Army of Occupation reviewed at Valenciennes by the Emperor of Russia and the King of Prussia.
24 Th	1842, 24 Sergeants' percussion fusils were received from England by the 52nd at Fredericton, New Brunswick.
25 F	1793, 43rd (1,100 strong) left England for West Indies.
26 S	○ 2h. 31m. a.m. 1818, the Army of Occupation in France broke up.
27 ☉	1779, 43rd joined Sir H. Clinton's Army at New York.
28 M	1776, 43rd and 52nd engaged at White Plains (America).
29 Tu	1808, 1*st Battalion* 43rd landed at Corunna. 1858, Colour-Sergeant Arthur Williams promoted Quartermaster 43rd.
30 W	1812, the Light Division fell back on Madrid and the Retiro was blown up.
31 Th	1818, 43rd reached Calais *en route* to England.

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NOVEMBER.

1 F	1808, Sir John Moore commenced his march from Portugal into Spain.
2 S	☾ 3h. 38m. a.m. 1815, 52nd, after a stay of two months, marched out of Paris and went into quarters at Versailles.
3 S	1831, 52nd marched from Southampton to Bristol to suppress the riots there.
4 M	1831, 52nd reached Bristol in aid of the Civil Power.
5 Tu	1863, 43rd *en route* from India to New Zealand, detained in quarantine at Mauritius. 1900, Mounted Infantry, 1*st Battalion* engaged at **Bothaville**, Captain Colvile *severely wounded*.
6 W	1838, 52nd disembarked at Barbados (West Indies).
7 Th	1812, 43rd joined Wellington's Army at Alva prior to the march on Salamanca.
8 F	1804, Sergeant-Major Joynt, 43rd, promoted Ensign.
9 S	● 2h. 5m. a.m. 1813, the Light Division engaged with the Army near the Pass of Vera forcing the mountainous frontier of Spain and France, moved out silently at night from its camp, and got into position within 300 yards of the French redoubt on the heights of La Petite Rhune, and surprised the enemy.
10 S	1813, battle of the **Nivelle**, Captain Capel, Colonel Lloyd, and Lieut. E. Freer, *killed*, and Captain Murchison (43rd) *mortally wounded*.
11 M	1901, 1*st Battalion* occupied Rhenoster River line of Blockhouses.[1]
12 Tu	1813, the Light Division encamped near Arbonne after the battle of the Nivelle.
13 W	1900, 1*st Battalion* engaged with Boers near Heilbron.
14 Th	1813, Lieut. Angrove, 43rd, died of wounds received at the Nivelle.
15 F	1812, the British Army, which had retired from Madrid to Salamanca, commenced its retirement on Portugal covered by the Light Division.
16 S	☽ 10h. 43m. p.m. 1776, 43rd and 52nd engaged at Fort Washington (America).

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NOVEMBER.

17 S	1812, action on the Huebra.
18 M	1810, the Light Division at Valle (Portugal) went into winter quarters opposite the French Army under Marshal Massena. 1812, retreat from Salamanca continued; after a night's bivouac in flooded land, continued the march knee-deep in water.
19 Tu	1812, arrived at and went into winter quarters at Ciudad Rodrigo. 1881, Colour-Sergeant George Williams promoted Quarter-master 43rd. 1909, Sir John Moore's Memorial unveiled at Sandgate.
20 W	1776, 43rd engaged at New York Island (America). 1813, 52nd engaged at Arbonne.
21 Th	1853, 43rd marched from King William's Town to East London, South Africa, prior to embarkation for Madras.
22 F	1813, the Light Division slightly engaged near Bayonne.
23 S	1812, Lieut. Ridout, 43rd, died of wounds received at the action on the Huebra. 1813, Lieut. Baillie, 43rd *killed* before Bayonne.
24 S	○ 4h. 12m. p.m. 1808, Sergeant-Major John Winterbottom, 52nd, promoted Ensign and Adjutant. 1813, after the Nivelle, the Light Division went into position at Arcangues, forming part of a defensive line of posts on the frontier of France.
25 M	1800, 52nd landed at Lisbon (after Ferrol).
26 Tu	1901, 1*st Battalion* repulsed Boer attack on Blockhouse line.
27 W	1859, 43rd with Nagode Force in pursuit of rebels (India).
28 Th	1853, 43rd left South Africa for India. 1858, Lieut. Thomas R. Gibbons, 52nd, *killed* at Cawnpore.
29 F	1818, 1*st Battalion* 52nd landed at Ramsgate after 2 years' service in France. 1866, 52nd left Aldershot for Ireland.
30 S	**St. Andrew's Day.** 1843, a Regimental Savings Bank opened in the 52nd.

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DECEMBER.

1 S	☾ 11h. 5m. a.m. 1776, 52nd left New York with Expedition to Rhode Island. 1852, 43rd camp in South Africa struck by lightning, 2 men *killed* and 19 *injured*. 1900, 1*st Battalion* detachment at Gottenburg lost 1 man *killed* and 4 men *wounded*.
2 M	1858, 43rd engaged with rebels in **Central India.**
3 Tu	1799, War Office authority to raise for the first time a *2nd Battalion* for the 52nd.
4 W	1839, the 52nd at Barbados suffered much from an epidemic of yellow fever.
5 Th	1790, 52nd with British Force pursuing Tippoo marched on Trichinopoly (Southern India).
6 F	1837, consequent on the disturbed state of Canada, 43rd received orders to proceed by land from Fredericton to Quebec.
7 S	1875, 43rd furnished a Guard of Honour to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales during his tour in Southern India.
8 S	● 5h. 7m. p.m. 1806, 52nd landed in Sicily.
9 M	1813, *2nd Battalion* 52nd embarked at Ramsgate to join Sir Thomas Graham's force in Holland. 1831, Sergeant-Major Priestley, 43rd, promoted Ensign.
10 Tu	1813, battle of the **Nive.**
11 W	1837, 43rd commenced the famous winter march from Fredericton, New Brunswick, to Quebec, proceeding in sleighs holding six to eight men. 1863, 43rd disembarked at Auckland, New Zealand.
12 Th	1837, 43rd reached Jones' Settlement in the march across the Portage of the Madawaska.
13 F	1837, 43rd reach Dedingee Settlement; thermometer below zero.
14 S	1783, 52nd took part in the storming of Cannanore. The "Forlorn Hope" consisted of 1 Officer, 1 Sergeant, and 31 rank and file of the Regiment, nearly all of whom were *killed* or *wounded*.
15 S	1837, 43rd reached the Grand Falls of the River St. John in their march across the Portage of the Madawaska.
16 M	☽ 8h. 7m. p.m. 1813, Sergeant-Major Harris, 43rd, promoted Ensign. 1826, 52nd received the "Light Infantry Musket," in Canada.

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17 Tu	1851, 43rd landed in South Africa for the Kaffir War. 1864, 52nd sailed from India for England after 12 years' foreign service.
18 W	1815, 52nd at St. Germains, near Paris.
19 Th	1768, by Royal Warrant issued this day, the facings of the 52nd were ordered to be buff, the red coats faced and lined with buff ornamented with white lace, red worm and one orange stripe, buff waistcoats and breeches, black gaiters.
20 F	1808, 1*st Battalion* 43rd joined Sir John Moore's Army at Mayorga. 1852, 43rd engaged at **Berea** (Kaffir War). 1854, Kaffir War medals presented to 43rd at Bangalore.
21 S	1791, 52nd took part in the storming of Savendroog (India). Whilst the Grenadier and Light Infantry Companies mounted the breach, the Band of the Regiment played "Britons, strike home."
22 S	1858, second engagement at **Kirwee** (India), 43rd present. 1899, 1*st Battalion* left England for South Africa.
23 M	1797, 43rd arrived at Martinique. 1828, end of the epidemic amongst 43rd at Gibraltar; 89 deaths in 3 months.
24 Tu	○ 4h. 30m. a.m. 1761, 43rd landed at Barbados. 1791, 52nd took part in the capture of Ooreedroog (India). 1808, the retreat on Corunna commenced. 1867, Banda and Kirwee prize-money distributed to the 43rd at Aldershot.
25 W	**Christmas Day.** 1808, both Battalions 43rd and 52nd, as part of Sir John Moore's rear-guard from Sahagun (Spain), started on the retreat to Corunna.
26 Th	*Bank Holiday.* 1815, occupation of Paris.
27 F	1884, detachments of 43rd engaged, for the second time, in the suppression of Moplah outbreak (Southern India).
28 S	1808, retreat on Corunna; rear-guard engaged at Benavente (Spain). 1837, first party of 43rd reached Quebec, having crossed the Portage of the Madawaska; 370 miles in 18 days, including 2 days' halt.
29 S	1808, retreat on Corunna; 1*st Battalion* 43rd and 2*nd Battalion* 52nd moved towards Vigo for embarkation. 1884, Private Barrett, 1*st Battalion*, gained the medal for distinguished conduct in the field against the Moplahs (Southern India).
30 M	☾ 8h. 12 p.m. 1837, the second party of the 43rd reached Quebec from Fredericton. 1897, 2*nd Battalion* engaged with Afridis in the Khaibar Pass; 3 men *killed*, 3 Officers and 11 men *wounded*.
31 Tu	1808, 2*nd Battalion* 43rd and 1*st Battalion* 52nd, with Sir John Moore's Army, reached Camberos.

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ARMY LIST.—1ST JANUARY, 1911

THE OXFORDSHIRE AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY.

Regimental Dist. No. 43 [No. 7 District]

The United Red and White Rose.

"Quebec, 1759," "Martinique, 1762, 1794," "Havannah," "Mysore," "Hindoostan," "Vimiera," "Corunna," "Busaco," "Fuentes d'Onor," "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Badajoz," "Salamanca," "Vittoria," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Nive," "Orthes," "Toulouse," "Peninsula," "Waterloo," "South Africa, 1851-2-3," "Delhi," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1900-2," "Relief of Kimberley," "Paardeberg."

Regular and Special Reserve Battalions.

Uniform—Scarlet. *Facings*—White. *Agents*—Messrs. Cox & Co.

1st Bn. (43rd Foot) *Wellington, Madras.*
2nd " (52nd ") *Shorncliffe.*
Depôt .. .. *Oxford.*

3rd Bn. (Oxford Mil.) *Oxford.*
Record Office .. .. *Warwick.*

Territorial Force Battalions.

4th Bn. .. .. *Oxford.*

Buckinghamshire Bn. .. *Aylesbury.*

Colonel .. .. Wilkinson, Hon. Lt.-Gen., F. G., *C.B.*, ret. pay. .. 29 Aug. 93
15 Oct. 91

1st and 2nd Battalions.

Lt.-Colonels. (2)

2 Fanshawe, R., *D.S.O., p.s.c.* [*l*] [F] 18Sept.07
bt. col. 5Mar.08
1 Lamotte, F. G. L. [F] 28Oct.07

Majors. (8)

2 Davies, H. R. 13Feb.01
2 White, E. D. 11May02
1 Lethbridge, E. A. E., *D.S.O.* 2Sept.04
(8) 2 Ruck-Keene, H. L. *D.S.O.* (*Comdg. Depôt*) 14Sept.07
2 Darell-Brown, H. F. [F] 18Sept.07
1 Cobb, C. H. [F] 18Sept.07
29Nov.00
1 Hyde, A. C. 16Dec.08
Hamilton, K. R., *D.S.O., p.s.c.* 19Nov.10

Captains (14).

(3) 2 Eden, A. J. F. 24Feb.00
bt. maj. 29Nov.00
e.a. Feilden, R. M. [F] 24Feb.00
2 Marriott-Dodington, W., *p.s.c.* 27Feb.00
1 Carter, L. J. 27Feb.00
Scott, L. F. 27Sept.00
s.c. Pope-Hennessy, L. H. R. D.S.O. [*l*] 11Sept.02
bt. maj. 26Mar.06
1 Stapleton, F. H. 11Sept.02
s. Clayton, F. R., p.s.c. 11Sept.02
s. Frith, C. H. [F] 22Nov.02
t. Forrest, C. E., D.S.O. 22Feb.03
c.o. Ward, L. E. S. 23June03
(3) 1 Ballard, J. A. 23June03
i.v. Hampden, O. R. L. 2Sept.03
Foljambe, Hon. *G. W. F. S.* 2Jan.04
1 Henley, C. F. 3Oct.04
(3) 1 Bayley, A. G. 3Oct.04
s.c. Brooke-Popham, H. R. M. 9Nov.04
t. Nisbet, H. C. 23 Jan.05
2 Wood, H. L. 14Apr.05
2 Benson, C. B., [L] *D.S.O.*, 20May08
4May05

Captains—cont.

t. Fuller, J. F. C. 21June05
c.o. Keyworth, R. D. 9Oct.05
s.c. Weatherby, J. T. [F] 30Dec.05
t. Mitchell, C. J. 22Jan.06
s. Sullivan, G. A. 28Dec.08
t. Brooke, R. R. M. 28Dec.08
1 *Simpson, R. V. adjt.* 28Dec.08
s. Kirkpatrick, E. H. 13Feb.09
1 Higgins, C. G. 13Feb.09
e.a. Tunnard, L. 22Jan.10
t. Harden, A. H. 22Jan.10
e.a. Pollock, J. A. 22Jan.10
2 Ponsonby, A. W. N. 22Jan.10
2 Dillon, H. M. 17May10
1 Logan, R. O. 19Nov.10

Lieutenants. (18)

2 Scott, C. L. 9Nov.04
c.o. Morland, W. E. T. 11Aug.05
s. Annesley, Hon. *C. A. J.* 6Sept.05
(8) 1 Parr, B. C. 9Oct.05
1 Stephens, R. 29Oct.05
2 Foljambe, *Hon.* J. C. W. S. 20May08
15Dec.05
2 Evelegh, R. C. [*l*] 30Dec.05
2 Bartlett, A. J. N. 22Jan.06
2 *Bourke, U. J. D., adjt.* 20Apr.06
1 Blewitt, G. 6Apr.07
1 Beaufort, F. H. 10Aug.07
2 Holt, F. V. 11Jan.08
1 Sanderson, A. E. 29Jan.08
2 Carfrae, C. F. K. 4Nov.08
1 Whittall, G. E. 11Dec.08
(3) 2 Portal, J. L. 7Apr.09
2 Crosse, R. B. 22Apr.09
2 Boyle, C. R. C. 19May09
1 Terry, W. E. C. 4May10
1 Tolson, W. G. 17May10
1 Paget, B. C. T. 19Nov.10

2nd Lieutenants. (12)

2 Worthington, R. G. 6May08
1 Powell, J. J. 30Dec.08
1 Plowden, G. F. 30Dec.08
1 Davenport, F. M. 6Feb.09
1 Courtis, J. H. 6Feb.09

2nd Lieutenants—cont.

2 Southey, J. A. 22May09
1 Mundey, S. C. B. 9June09
1 Bacon, C. H. 28July09
2 Paris, A. C. M. 18Sept.09
2 Baines, C. S. 14May10
2 Brett, R. J. 5Oct.10
1 Murphy, C. F. 7Dec.10

Adjutants.

2 Bourke, U. J. D., *lt.* 1Mar.10
1 Simpson, R. V., *capt.* 6May10

Quarter-Masters.

r. King, T. 24Nov.07
hon. capt. 24Nov.07
1 Ivey, T., *hon. lt.* 22Sept.03
2 Field, A. S., *hon. lt.* 12May09
26Feb.02

3rd Battalion.

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Hon. Colonel,

Marlborough, Rt. Hon. *C. R. J.*, Duke of, K.G. 14June08

Lt.-Colonel.

Warner, *Sir* T. C. T., *Bt., C.B., hon. c.* 31Mar.06

Majors.

Higgins Bernard, F. T. *hon. l.c.* (Q) (*H*) 15May05
p.s. Blyth, J., *hon. l.c.* (*H*) 5May06
Paske, G. F., *hon. l.c.* (*Hon. Capt. in Army* 2 Nov.00) (*H*) 12Sept.06
s.c. Ruck-Keene, H. L., *D.S.O.* 14 Sept.07

Captains. (5)

t. Fitzwilliam, W. C. de M., Earl, D.S.O., *hon. m.* 11Apr.96
p.s. Barrington, *Hon.* W. R. S. *hon. m.* (*H*) 6Jan.97
r.e. Eden, A. J. F. 24Feb.00
bt. maj. 29Nov.00
North, A. K., *late* 2nd Lt. A.S. Corps 4June02
Godsal, P. (*H*) 7June02
r.e. Ballard, J. A. 23June03
Chichester, C. O., Capt. ret. pay (*H*) 2Sept03
r.e. Bayley, A. G. 3Oct.04
Cardwell, C. A., Capt. ret. pay (*H*) 7Apr.06
c.o. Salkeld, R. E. 12July06
p.s. Dashwood, R. H. S., Capt. ret. pay. (*H*) 1Dec.07

Lieutenants (11).

Fitzgerald, C., Lt. ret. pay 14Apr.05
4May10
r.e. Parr, B. C. 9Oct.05
Maul, H. C. (*H*) 12Sept.06
p.s. Tatton, R. H. G. (*H*) 12Sept.06
r.e. Portal, J. L. 7Apr.09
Pope-Hennessy, H. I. M. P. 5Mar.10
Turbutt, G. M. R. 5Mar.10
Warner, C. J. 5Mar.10
Drummond, A. V. 5Mar.10
Spencer, A. V. 5Mar.10
Paget, A. W. L. 9Sept.10
Paget, R. S. G. 9Sept.10

2nd Lieutenants (8).

c.o. Smith, J. N. 12July09
Pope, C. M. (*on prob.*) 22Mar.10
Hanbury-Williams, C. F. R. (*on prob.*) 1Apr.10

Adjutant.

Scott, L. F. Capt. Oxf. & Bucks. L.I. 17Sept.09
(*Capt. in the Army* 27Sept.00)

Quarter-Master.

King, T., *hon. capt.*

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Regular and Special Reserve Battalions.

Uniform.—Scarlet. *Facings.*—White. *Agents.*—Messrs. Cox & Co.

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2nd „ (52nd „) *Aldershot.*
Depôt .. .. .. *Oxford.*

3rd Bn. (Oxford Mil.) .. *Oxford.*
Record Office .. .. .. *Warwick.*

Territorial Force Battalions.

4th Bn .. .. .. *Oxford.*
Buckinghamshire Bn. .. *Aylesbury.*

Colonel .. .. .. Wilkinson, Hon. Lt.-Gen. F. G., *C.B.*, ret. pay .. .. 29 Aug. 93
15 Oct. 91

1st and 2nd Battalions.

Lt.-Colonels. (2)
2Davies, H. R. 18Sept.11
1White, E. D. 23Oct.11

Majors. (8)
1Lethbridge, E. A. E., *D.S.O.* 2Sept.04
(3) 2Ruck-Keene, H. L. *D.S.O.* (*Comdg. Depôt*) 14Sept.07
2Darell-Brown, H. F. [F] 18Sept.07
1Cobb, C. H. [F] 18Sept.07 29Nov.00
1Hyde, A. C. 16Dec.08
2Eden, A. J. F. 18Sept.11 29Nov.00
e.a. Feilden, R. M. [F] 19Sept.11
s. Marriott-Dodington, W., *p.s.c.* 23Oct.11

Captains. (14)
1Carter, L. J. 27Feb.00
r. *Scott, L. F.* 27Sept.00
s.c. *Pope-Hennessy, L.H.R. D.S.O.* [*t*] 11Sept.02 *bt.-maj.* 26Mar.06
s.c. 1Stapleton, F. H. 11Sept.02
s. *Clayton, E.R., p.s.c.* 11Sept.02
2Frith, C. H., [F] 22Nov.02
2Forrest, C. E., *D.S.O.* 22Feb.03
c.o. *Ward, L.E.S.* 23June03
(3) 1Ballard, J. A. 23June03
Hampden, O.R.L. 2Sept.03
2*Foljambe*, Hon. *G. W. F. S.* 2Jan.04
1Henley, C. F. 30Oct.04
(3) 1Bayley A.G. 30Oct.04
s.e. *Brook-Popham, R. M.* 9Nov.04
t. *Nisbet. H. C.* 23Jan.05
Wood, H. L 14Apr.05
(2Bedson, C.B., *D.S.O.* [L] 20May08 4May05
s. *Fuller, J. F. C.* 21 June05
2Keyworth, R. D. 9Oct.05
s.c. *Weatherby, J. T.* [F] 30 Dec.05
t. *Mitchell, C. J.* 22Jan.06
2 Sullivan, G.A. 28Dec.08

Captains—cont.
t. *Brooke, R. R. M.* 28Dec.08
1*Simpson, R. V., Adjt.* 28Dec.08
Kirkpatrick, E. H. 13Feb.09
1Higgins, C. G. 13Feb.09
e.a. *Tunnard, L.* 22Jan.10
t. *Harden, A. H.* 22 Jan.10
e.a. *Pollock, J. A.* 22Jan.10
2Ponsonby, A. W. N. 22Jan.10
c.o. *Dillon, H. M.* 17May10
1Logan, R. O. 19Nov.10

Lieutenants (19).
2Scott, C. L, 9Nov.04
(2) *Morland, W. E. T.* 11Aug.05
s. *Annesley*, Hon. *C. A. J.* 6Sept.05
(3) 1Parr, B. C. 9Oct.05
1Stephens, R. 29Oct.05
1*Foljambe, Hon.* J. C. W. S. 20May08 15Dec.05
(3) 2Bevelegh, R. C. [*t*] 30Dec.05
2Bartlett, A. J. N. 22Jan.06
2*Bourke, U. J. D., Adj. t.* 20Apr.06
s. *Blewitt, G.* 6Apr.07
1Beaufort, F. H. 10Aug.07
2Holt, F. V. 11Jan.08
1Sanderson, A. E. 29Jan.08
2Carfrae, C. F. K. 4Nov.08
1Whittall, G. E. 11Dec.08
2Portal, J. L. 7Apr.09
2Crosse, R. B. 22Apr.09
2Boyle, C. R. C. 19May09
1Terry, W. F. C. 4May10
1Tolson W. G. 17May10
1Paget, B. C. T. 19Nov.10
2Worthington, R. G. 1Apr.11
1Powell, J. J. 24July11

2nd Lieutenants. (12)
1Plowden, G. F. 30Dec.08
1Davenport, F. M. 6Feb.09
1Courtis, J. H. 6Feb.09
2Southey, J. A. 22May09
1Mundey, S. C. B. 9June09

2nd Lieutenants—cont.
1Bacon, C. H. 28July09
1Paris, A. C. M. 18Sept.09
2Baines, C. S. 14May10
2Brett, R. J. 5Oct.10
1Murphy, C. F. 7Dec.10
2Owen, R. M. 20May11
2Mockler-Ferryman, H. 20Sept.11

Adjutants.
2Bourke, U.J.D., *lt.* 1Mar.90
1 Simpson, R.V., *capt.* 6May10

Quarter-Masters.
r. *King, T.*, 24Nov.97
hon. capt. 24Nov.07
11vey, T., *hon. lt.* 22Sept.03
2Field, A. S. *hon. lt.* 12May09 26Feb.02

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Lt.-Colonel.
Warner, T. C. T., *C.B. hon. c.* 31Mar.06

Majors.
Higgins Bernard, F.T., *hon. l.c.*(Q) (*H*) 15May05
p.s. Blyth, J., *hon. l.c.* (*H*) 5May06
⚔Paske, G. F., *hon. l.c.* (*Hon. Capt. in Army* 2*Nov.*00 (*H* 12Sept.06
r.e. ⚔Ruck-Keene, H. L. *D.S.O.* 14Sept.07

Captains. (5)
t. *Fitzwilliam, W. C. De M.*, Earl, D.S.O., *hon. m.* 11Apr.96
p.s. Barrington, *Hon.* W. R. S. *hon. m.* (*H*) 6Jan.97
North, A. K. *late* 2nd Lt. A.S. Corps 4June02
Godsal, P. (*H*) 7June02
r.e. Ballard, J. A. 23June03
Chichester, C. O., *Capt.* ret. pay (*H*) 2Sept.03
r.e. ⚔Bayley, A.G. 30Oct.04
r.e. ⚔Benson, C.B. *D.S.O.* [L] 20May08 4May05
⚔Cardwell, C. A., Capt. ret. pay (*H*) Ⓢ 7Apr.06
Saikeld, R.E., c.o. 12July06
p.s. Dashwood, R H. S., Capt. ret. pay (*H*) Ⓢ 1Dec.07
Fitzgerald, C., Lt. ret. pay 8May11

Lieutenants. (11)
Jackson, H. N., Lt. ret. pay 30July04 25Feb.11
r.e. Parr, B. C. 9Oct.05
r.e. Evelegh, R. C. [*t*] 30Dec.05
Maul, H. C. (*H*) 12Sept.06
p.s. Tatton, R H. G. (*H*) 12Sept.06
Turbutt, G. M. R. 5Mar.10
Warner, C. J. 5Mar.10
Drummond, A. V. 5Mar.10
Spencer, A. V. 5Mar.1
Paget, A. W. L. 9Sept.1
Paget, R. S. G. 9Sept.1

2nd Lieutenants. (8)
Smith, J. N., c.o. 12July09
Pope, C. M., (*on prob.*) 22Mar.10
Hanbury-Williams, C. F. R. 1Apr.10
Farwell, A.W. *on. prob.*) 28June11
Humfrey, D. H. W. (*on prob.*) 2Dec.11

Adjutant.
⚔ Scott, L. F., Capt. Ox & Bucks L.I. 17Sept.
(*Capt. in the Army* 27Sept.0

Quarter-Master.
⚔King, T., *hon. capt.*

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OFFICERS OF THE REGIMENT EXTRA-REGIMENTALLY EMPLOYED, 31ST DECEMBER, 1911.

Rank.	Name.	Appointment.
Major	H. L. Ruck-Keene, D.S.O.	Comdg. Depôt, and Major Sp. Res. Battalion.
„	R. M. Feilden	Egyptian Army.
„	W. Marriott-Dodington	Garrison Adj., Dover.
Captain	L. F. Scott	Adj., Sp. Res. Battalion (Depôt).
Captain and Bt.-Major	L. H. R. Pope-Hennessy, D.S.O.	Student, Staff College.
Captain	E. R. Clayton	Brigade Major, Durham L.I. Bde. (T.F.).
„	F. H. Stapleton	Indian Staff College (*not seconded*).
„	J. A. Ballard	Att. Sp. Res. Battalion (Depôt).
„	L. E. S. Ward	6th (Somaliland) Battalion King's African Rifles (*Major*).
„	O. R. L. Hampden	Adj., Indian Volunteers.
„	A. G. Bayley	Att. Sp. Res. Battalion (Depôt).
„	C. B. Benson, D.S.O.	„ „ „
„	H. R. M. Brooke-Popham	Student, Staff College.
„	H. C. Nisbet	Adj., Northern Cyclist Bn. (T.F.).
„	J. F. C. Fuller	Adj., 10th Battalion D.C.O. Middlesex Regiment (T.F.)
„	J. T. Weatherby	Student, Staff College.
„	C. J. Mitchell	Adj., Buckinghamshire Battalion (T.F.).
„	R. R. M. Brooke	Adj., 4th Battalion (T.F.)
„	E. H. Kirkpatrick	Awaiting absorption.
„	L. Tunnard	Egyptian Army.
„	A. H. Harden	Adj., 6th Battalion S. Staff. Regiment (T.F.).
	J. A. Pollock	Egyptian Army.
„	H. M. Dillon	Northern Nigeria Regiment.
Lieutenant	*Hon.* C. A. J. Annesley	A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor of Madras.
„	B. C. Parr	Att. Sp. Res. Battalion (Depôt).
„	R. C. Evelegh	„ „ „
„	G. Blewitt	A.D.C. to G.O.C. South Coast Defences.

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FORMER OFFICERS OF THE REGIMENT ON THE ACTIVE LIST OF THE ARMY, 31ST DECEMBER, 1911.

Rank.	Name.	Date of Rank.	On Regimental Strength.	How Employed.
Colonel -	E. E. M. Lawford - -	9 Aug.1902	1874-1876	Unempl.
„ -	R. Fanshawe, D.S.O., *p.s.c.*	5 Mar. 1908	1883-1911	G.S.O. 1st. Div. Aldershot.
„ -	*Sir* J. Hanbury - Williams, K.C.V.O., C.M.G.	1 Dec. 1909	1878-1900	Brig.-Gen. in charge Admin. Sco. Comd.
„ -	F. G. L. Lamotte - -	30 Aug. 1911	1883-1911	Half-pay.
Lt.-Colonel	G. S. Kerrich - - -	1 May 1904	1878-1880	Indian Army (Unempl.)
Brevet-Col.	E. L. Holloway - -	5 Nov. 1908	1880-1882	Do. (Unempl.)
„ -	G.B.Hodson,C.B.,D.S.O.	13 Nov. 1909	1884	Do. 57th Wilde's Rifles.
„ -	H. L. B. Acton - -	11 Aug. 1909	1880-1883	Do. Depy. Judge Adv. Genl.
Lt-Colonel	R. H. D. Thring - -	22 Jan. 1907	1881-1883	Do. 27th Light Cavalry.
„ -	B. Holloway, *p.s.c.* -	22 Oct. 1907	1881-1883	Do. 29th Lancers.
„ -	F. W. H. Cox - -	20 Apr. 1908	1884-1886	Do. 72nd Punjabis.
„ -	J. R. Mathewes - -	10 May 1908	1882-1884	Do. 21st (Daly's Horse).
„ -	W. A. Oswald - -	1 Mar. 1907	1882-1884	Do. 15th Ludhiana Sikhs.
„ -	R. W. Falcon - -	10 Mar. 1909	1883-1884	Do. 53rd Sikhs.
„ -	C. G. Prendergast - -	8 Oct. 1909	1884-1886	Do. 28th Punjabis.
„ -	N. A. H. Budd - -	11 Aug. 1910	1885-1886	Do. 1st Brahmans.
Major -	H. W. Johnston - -	30 Jan. 1904	1886-1887	Do. 67th Punjabis.
„ -	J. E. L. Gibbes - -	2 May 1904	1884-1885	Bedfordshire Regt.
„ -	J. Hill, D.S.O. - -	5 Feb. 1905	1887-1888	Indian Army, 15th Ludhiana Sikhs.
„ -	F. J. Moberly, D.S.O., *p.s.c.*	13 Feb. 1905	1888-1891	Do. 25th Punjabis.
„ -	R. de L. Faunce - -	13 Feb. 1905	1887-1889	Do. 26th Light Cavalry.
„ -	*Hon.* C. G. Bruce, M.V.O.	4 May 1905	1887-1888	Do. 5th Gurkha Rifles.
„ -	F. W. Bagshawe - -	22 Aug. 1906	1888-1889	Indian Army, Staff.
„ -	E. H. Payne - - -	21 Sept. 1907	1889-1890	Indian Army, Staff.
„ -	W. S. Prentis - - -	21 Sept. 1907	1889-1892	Do. 89th Punjabis.
„ -	B. R. Goren - - -	9 Dec. 1908	1888-1889	South Lancashire Regt.
„ -	A. C. Stewart - - -	27 Jan. 1910	1892-1893	Indian Army, Q. O. Corps of Guides (Lumsden's).
„ -	A. C. Edwardes - -	27 Jan. 1910	1892-1896	Do. 102nd K. E. O. Grenadiers.
„ -	H. N. Holden - -	12 Mar. 1910	1892-1894	Do. 5th Cavalry.
„ -	C. H. Richards - -	2 Oct. 1911	1894-1905	Army Pay Dept.
„ -	K. R. Hamilton, D.S.O.	19 Nov. 1911	1892-1911	Half-pay.
Captain -	A. C. Norman - -	17 Feb. 1909	1900-1902	Indian Army, 5th Cavalry.
„ -	A. C. D. Thorne - -	21 Feb. 1909	1900-1901	Do. 103rd Mahratta Light Infantry.
Lieutenant	F. F. Tarver - - -	21 June1905	1901-1907	Half-pay.
„ -	A. D. R. Aldred - -	16 Mar. 1907	1904-1907	Half-pay.

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FORMER OFFICERS OF THE REGIMENT BELONGING TO THE RESERVE OF OFFICERS, 31ST DECEMBER, 1911.

OXFORDSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY.

Substantive Rank.	Name.	Date of Rank.	Regimental Service.	Remarks.
Lt.-Colonel	R. G. H. Hughes	2 Sept. 1904	1882–1907	—
Major	G. F. Mockler	2 Feb. 1898	1878–1906	—
,,	D. J. Barton	27 Feb. 1900	1881–1901	—
,,	C. E. G. M. Fairtlough	27 Sept. 1900	1883–1902	—
,,	R. C. Luard	3 Sept. 1902	1885–1905	—
,,	J. D. W. Davy	23 Oct. 1903	1885–1907	—
,,	E. M. Childers	22 Feb. 1905	1885–1908	—
,,	C. Parr (*late h.p.*)	4 July 1906	1885–1906	Infantry Record Office, Shrewsbury.
,,	E. A. Stanton (*late h.p.*).	25 Aug. 1906	1887–1909	Sec. Royal Patriotic Fund.
,,	G. N. Colvile, D.S.O.	25 Aug. 1906	1887–1907	Territorial Staff.
,,	Sir C. Cuyler, *Bart.*	20 Apr. 1907	1887–1907	—
,,	C. C. Pearson	10 July 1907	1887–1907	—
,,	R. E. Watt	23 Oct. 1907	1890–1910	—
Captain	W. Owen	27 Sept. 1893	1886–1904	—
,,	G. S. F. Napier, *p.s.c.*	30 May 1894	1894–1902	—
,,	R. C. R. Owen, C.M.G.	10 Feb. 1898	1888–1906	Employed under Egyptian Government.
,,	W. C. Hunter	9 Oct. 1899	1892–1908	Adj. Wellington Coll.
,,	C. J. Wilkie	23 Oct. 1899	1892–1907	Sec. County Association.
,,	S. F. Hammick	11 Dec. 1900	1894–1909	—
Qr.-Mr. (*Hon. Cpt.*)	W. Ross	2 Feb. 1898	1898–1909	—

LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS.

Qr.-Mr. (*Hon. Cpt.*)	B. Stannard	18 July 1894	1894–1900	—

SERVING IN SPECIAL RESERVE BATTALIONS.

Captain	C. O. Chichester	11 Jan. 1901	1895–1901	3rd Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.
,,	C. A. Cardwell	22 Nov. 1902	1897–1906	Do.
,,	R. E. Salkeld	11 Jan. 1901	1894–1906	Do.
,,	C. Fitzgerald	8 May 1911	1901–1910	Do.

SERVING IN TERRITORIAL FORCE.

Major	R. L. Ovey	30 Nov. 1909	1899–1904	4th Oxf. and Bucks.
Captain	G. Drage	10 June 1907	1889–1892	6th R. Welsh Fus.
2nd Lieut.	R. E. U. Hermon-Hodge.	1 July 1909	1901–1905	Q.O. Oxford. Hussars.
Qr.-Mr. (*Hon. Maj.*)	H. Coshall	9 Dec. 1900	1870–1900	O.T.C. Oxford. Univ.
Qr.-Mr. *Hon. Cpt.*)	A. A. Bridgewater	30 Dec. 1905	1882–1905	4th Oxf. and Bucks.

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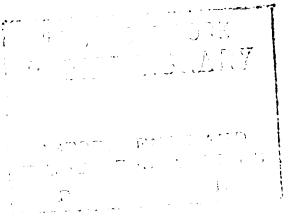

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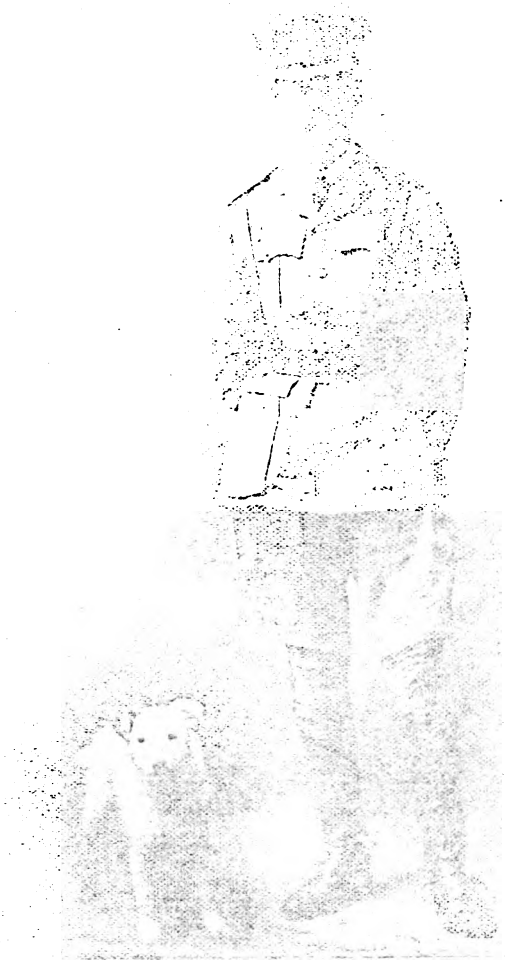

LIEUT.-COLONEL EDWARD DALRYMPLE WHITE,

COMMANDING 1ST BATTALION,

1911.

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1ST BATTALION, 1ST JANUARY, 1911.

ROLL OF OFFICERS.

Lieut.-Colonel.

F. G. L. Lamotte.

Majors.

E. A. E. Lethbridge, D.S.O. C. H. Cobb.
A. C. Hyde.

Captains.

L. J. Carter.
J. A. Ballard.[1]
A. C. Bayley.[1]
F. H. Stapleton.
C. F. Henley.
C. G. Higgins.
R. O. Logan.

Lieutenants.

B. C. Parr.[1]
Hon. J. C. W. S. Foljambe.
F. H. Beaufort.
G. E. Whittall.
W. G. Tolson.
R. Stephens.[2]
G. Blewitt.[3]
A. E. Sanderson.
W. E. C. Terry.
B. C. T. Paget.

2nd Lieutenants.

J. J. Powell.
F. M. Davenport.
S. C. B. Mundey.
G. F. Plowden.
J. H. Courtis.
C. H. Bacon.

[1] Depôt, Oxford. [2] Leave, England. [3] Duty out of England.

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Adjutant.

Captain R. V. Simpson.

Quartermaster.

Lieut. T. Ivey.

Warrant Officers and Staff Sergeants.

Sergeant-Major T. Pears.

Bandmaster T. M. Duffy.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Daniel Waller.

Orderly-Room-Sergeant (Colour-Sergeant) F. E. White.

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COMPANIES OF THE BATTALION.

1ST JANUARY, 1911.

Commanders.	Letter.	Subalterns.	Colour-Sergeants.
Captain C. F. Henley -	A	Lieut. Hon. J. C. Foljambe 2nd Lieut. C. H. Bacon -	H. Smith.
Major C. H. Cobb - -	B	Lieut. G. Blewitt - - Lieut. B. C. T. Paget - 2nd Lieut. J. J. Powell -	G. Dancey.
Captain R. O. Logan -	C	Lieut. W. G. Tolson - 2nd Lieut. F. M. Davenport	A. Munn.
Major A. C. Hyde - -	D	Lieut. W. E. C. Terry -	P. Smith.
Captain F. H. Stapleton -	E	Lieut. G. E. Whittall - 2nd Lieut. S. C. B. Mundey	W. Bland.
Captain L. J. Carter - -	F	2nd Lieut. J. H. Courtis -	G. Henderson.
Captain C. G. Higgins -	G	Lieut. R. Stephens - - Lieut. A. E. Sanderson -	W. Smith.
Vacant.	H	Lieut. F. H. Beaufort - 2nd Lieut. G. F. Plowden	J. Burbidge.

STATE OF THE 1ST BATTALION.

1ST JANUARY, 1911.

STATIONS, ETC.	Companies.	Colonel.	Majors.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	2nd Lieutenants.	Staff.	Warrant Officers.	Sergeants.	Buglers.	Corporals.	Privates.	TOTAL of N.C.O.'s and Men.
Fit for Duty—													
Headquarters - - - -	5	1	2	1	4	4	2	2	29	8	21	450	510
Cannanore - - - -	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	5	2	3	84	94
Calicut - - - - -	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	3	2	5	87	97
Malappuram - - - -	1	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	4	2	6	137	149
Various Stations - - -	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	6	1	3	60	70
Sick—													
Headquarters - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	14
Malappuram - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
Various Stations - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	10
Absent—													
With Leave - - - -	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Prison and Detention - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total Effectives - -	8	1	3	7	10	6	2	2	47	15	39	850	953
Establishment - -	8	1	4	5	9	8	2	2	47	16	40	900	1,003

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RECORD OF THE 1ST BATTALION FOR 1911.

1*st January.*—The Battalion, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel F. G. L. Lamotte, was quartered at Wellington, with Detachments at Calicut, Cannanore, and Malappuram.

3*rd January.*—A Draft from the 2nd Battalion, strength as under, joined the Battalion at Wellington ex H.T. *Plassy* and R.I.M.S. *Dufferin.* Strength: 1 Sergeant, 2 Corporals, 133 men.

The following extracts from the "London Gazette" were published on this date :—

Captain C. E. Forrest, D.S.O., is seconded for service as Adjutant of Territorial Infantry (Gaz. 1 Nov.), 6.10.10. Major R. E. Watt retired on retired pay (Gaz. 18 Nov.), 19.11.10. Lieut. R. O. Logan, Captain, *vice* K. R. Hamilton, D.S.O., promoted (Gaz. 25 Nov.), 19.11.10. 2nd Lieut. B. C. T. Paget, Lieut., *vice* Logan promoted (Gaz. 25 Nov.), 19.11.10.

2nd Lieut. F. M. Davenport proceeded on one month's leave, in India, on private affairs.

5*th January.*—Lieut. G. Blewitt left for England, on eight months' leave, on private affairs.

6*th January.*—Captain R. O. Logan was posted to the command of C Company on promotion.

12*th January.*—Lieut. R. Stephens rejoined from leave in India.

19*th January.*—The Annual Regimental Athletic Meeting commenced.

21*st January.*—Captain L. J. Carter rejoined from leave, in India, on private affairs.

The Annual Regimental Athletic Meeting concluded.

25*th January.*—Information received that 2nd Lieut.

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C. F. Murphy had been posted to the Battalion for duty, on first appointment.

29*th January*.—Lieuts. F. H. Beaufort, G. E. Whittall, and B. C. T. Paget left for the School of Musketry, Satara.

1*st February*.—2nd Lieut. F. M. Davenport rejoined from leave.

15*th February*—Captain F. H. Stapleton left to join the Staff College, Quetta. 2nd Lieut. C. F. Murphy joined from England, on first posting.

17*th February*.—2nd Lieut. G. F. Plowden left for England on eight months' leave, on private affairs.

20*th February*.—The Battalion was inspected by Lieut.-General Sir J. Wolfe-Murray, K.C.B., commanding 9th (Secunderabad) Division, who afterwards visited the barrack rooms and institutes.

4*th March*.—Captain R. O. Logan rejoined from the office of the Divisional Disbursing Officer, Burma.

9*th March*.—The Regimental Annual Rifle Meeting commenced.

11*th March*.—Lieut. A. E. Sanderson left for England on eight months' leave, on private affairs. This leave was afterwards extended by six days.

14*th March*.—The Battalion was inspected by General Sir E. Barrow, G.C.B., Commanding Southern Army, who was accompanied by Major-General Woon, C.B., Commanding 9th (Secunderabad) Div on, and Brigadier-General Beatson, C.B., S.G.S.O., 9th Division. The barrack rooms and institutes of the Battalion were afterwards visited by the G.O.C. Southern Army.

17*th March*.—The Regimental Annual Rifle Meeting concluded.

1*st April*.—Major E. A. E. Lethbridge, D.S.O., left on three months' leave in India.

5*th April*.—Lieuts. F. H. Beaufort, G. E. Whittall,

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and B. C. T. Paget rejoined from the School of Musketry, Satara.

7th April.—Observed as a General Holiday to commemorate the Storming of Badajoz, the 6th April, 1812, in which the Battalion played a distinguished part. This day was observed as a holiday on account of the 6th falling on a Thursday (weekly holiday).

5th May.—Brigadier-General F. G. Bond, C.B., Commanding Southern Brigade, inspected the barrack rooms and institutes of the Battalion.

9th May.—Captain R. O. Logan proceeded on one month's leave in India, on private affairs.

13th May.—Observed as a General Holiday to celebrate the anniversary of the accession of King George V.

18th May.—Captain and Adjutant R. V. Simpson left to join an Intelligence Class at Bangalore. Lieut. B. C. T. Paget was appointed Acting Adjutant.

Information received that 2nd Lieut. S. C. B. Mundey passed in subjects (a) and (b) for promotion on 6th May.

29th May.—Brigadier-General F. G. Bond, C.B., Commanding Southern Brigade, inspected G and H Companies at Field Training.

3rd June.—Celebration Parade in honour of His Majesty the King Emperor's birthday.

8th June.—Major E. A. E. Lethbridge, D.S.O., rejoined from leave. Captain R. O. Logan rejoined from leave.

13th June.—Information received that Lieuts. F. H. Beaufort, G. E. Whittall, and B. C. T. Paget qualified at the School of Musketry, Satara. The latter officer obtained a "Distinguished" certificate.

24th June.—Captain R. V. Simpson rejoined from Intelligence Class at Bangalore.

3rd July.—Information received that 2nd Lieut.

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S. C. B. Mundey had passed in Hindustani, Lower Standard, Part I.

10*th July*.—Information received that Lieut. R. Stephens had passed in subject (c) for promotion, 26th June.

12*th July*.—2nd Lieut. C. H. Bacon left to join a Physical Training Class, assembling at the Central School, Poona.

3*rd August*.—Captain C. G. Higgins proceeded on 60 days' privilege leave.

8*th August*.—2nd Lieut. S. C. B. Mundey proceeded on two months' leave in India, on private affairs.

10*th August*.—Major E. A. E. Lethbridge, D.S.O., proceeded to Malappuram, Calicut, and Cannanore, on Inspection Duty.

14*th August*.—Lieut. Hon. J. C. W. S. Foljambe proceeded on eight months' leave to England, on private affairs.

15*th August*.—Major E. A. E. Lethbridge, D.S.O., joined from Inspection Duty (Detachments).

21*st August*.—Information received that Lieut. B. C. T. Paget had passed in Hindustani, Lower Standard, Part I.

23*rd August*.—Information received that 2nd Lieut. S. C. B. Mundey had passed in Hindustani, Lower Standard, Part II.

26*th August*.—Lieut.-Colonel F. G. L. Lamotte proceeded, on 60 days' privilege leave, to England, pending transfer to the half-pay list.

Lieut. R. Stephens, Lieut. B. C. T. Paget, and 2nd Lieut. F. M. Davenport proceeded on leave to Bangalore, to take part in the Southern Indian Rifle Association Meeting.

11*th September*.—Information received that 2nd Lieut. G. F. Plowden had been granted an extension of leave for one month.

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14*th September*.—Information received that 2nd Lieut. C. F. Murphy had passed in Hindustani, Lower Standard, Part I.

18*th September*.—Lieut. R. Stephens, Lieut. B. C. T. Paget, and 2nd Lieut. F. M. Davenport rejoined from leave at Bangalore.

26*th September*.—Information received that 2nd Lieut. A. C. M. Paris had been posted to the Battalion (from the 2nd Battalion) for duty.

1*st October*.—Captain C. G. Higgins rejoined at Calicut from privilege leave.

2*nd October*.—F Company, under the command of Captain L. J. Carter left Headquarters for detachment duty at Cannanore, in relief of D Company.

The following extract from the "London Gazette" was published:—Lieut. G. Blewitt seconded for service on the Staff (Gaz. 15 Aug.), 24.7.11.

3*rd October*.—G Company, under the command of Lieut. R. Stephens, left Headquarters for detachment duty at Calicut, in relief of A Company.

F Company arrived at Cannanore, in relief.

4*th October*.—C Company, under the command of Captain R. O. Logan, left Headquarters for detachment duty at Malappuram, in relief of E Company.

D Company, under the command of Lieut. F. H. Beaufort, left Cannanore for Headquarters, on relief.

G Company arrived at Calicut, in relief.

5*th October*.—C Company arrived at Malappuram, in relief.

D Company arrived at Headquarters, on relief.

A Company left Calicut under the command of Captain C. F. Henley, for Headquarters, on relief.

6*th October*.—A Company arrived at Wellington on relief.

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E Company under the command of Lieut. R. Stephens, left Malappuram for Headquarters, on relief.

7th October.—E Company arrived at Wellington, on relief.

2nd Lieut. S. C. B. Mundey rejoined from leave.

9th October.—Lieut. F. H. Beaufort left for England on eight months' leave, on private affairs.

22nd October.—Major E. A. E. Lethbridge, D.S.O., left for Malappuram, Calicut, and Cannanore on Inspection Duty.

23rd October.—2nd Lieut. G. F. Plowden rejoined from leave out of India. Lieut.-Colonel F. G. L. Lamotte placed on the half-pay list, on termination of tenure of command.

24th October.—A Company, made up to 100 Rank and File, under the command of Captain C. F. Henley, with the Band and Regimental Colour, proceeded to Ootacamund, to form a Guard-of-Honour to H.E. the Governor of Madras, Sir Arthur Lawley, G.C.I.E., K.C.M.G., on his leaving Ootacamund to hand over the Governorship to Sir T. D. Gibson Carmichael.

27th October.—Major E. A. E. Lethbridge, D.S.O., rejoined from Inspection Duty (Detachments).

4th November.—A Proclamation Parade, for the purpose of proclaiming the assumption of the Governorship of Madras by Sir T. D. Gibson Carmichael, was held. The proclamation was read by the Officer Commanding the Station (Major C. H. Cobb).

5th November.—2nd Lieut. A. C. M. Paris joined the Battalion from England, on transfer from the 2nd Battalion.

6th November.—Major E. D. White joined the Battalion from England, on transfer from the 2nd Battalion.

8th November.—Information received that Lieut.

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G. E. Whittall had passed in subject (c) for promotion, on 25th and 26th September.

13*th November.*—The following extract from the "London Gazette" was published:—Major E. D. White, Lieut.-Colonel, *vice* F. G. L. Lamotte to half-pay (Gaz. 24 Oct.), 23.10.11.

14*th November.*—Major E. A. E. Lethbridge, D.S.O., proceeded to Bangalore, to attend a Senior Officers' Musketry Course.

16*th November.*—Lieut. A. E. Sanderson rejoined from leave to England.

19*th November.*—2nd Lieut. F. M. Davenport proceeded on eight months' leave to England, on private affairs.

23*rd November.*—Major E. A. E. Lethbridge, D.S.O., rejoined from Bangalore on conclusion of Senior Officers' Musketry Course.

26*th November.*—Lieut.-Colonel E. D. White accompanied by Captain and Adjutant R. V. Simpson, left Wellington for Malappuram, Calicut, and Cannanore, on Inspection Duty.

1*st December.*—Lieut.-Colonel E. D. White and Captain R. V. Simpson rejoined from Inspection Duty (Detachments).

4*th December.*—2nd Lieut. S. C. B. Mundey proceeded on eight months' leave to England, on private affairs.

7*th* to 12*th December.*—Observed as a General Holiday, as far as possible, in celebration of the Coronation of His Imperial Majesty the King-Emperor.

12*th December.*—The Battalion paraded in Review Order, as strong as possible, for the Proclamation of His Imperial Majesty George V. King-Emperor, as Emperor of the Indian Empire.

21*st December.*—Captain C. G. Higgins left for

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Bombay *en route* to England, for a tour of duty at the Regimental Depôt.

22*nd December*.—2nd Lieut. C. F. Murphy proceeded on 14 days' privilege leave.

26*th December*.—Information received that a bonus of half a month's pay of rank to all N.C.O.'s and men serving in India, granted by His Imperial Majesty the King-Emperor, for their loyalty and devotion to the Empire, would be made to these ranks during the current month.

27*th December*.—A Draft from the 2nd Battalion, strength as under, joined the Battalion at Wellington, ex H.T. *Dongola* and R.I.M.S. *Hardinge*. Strength: 1 Colour-Sergeant, 1 Sergeant, 3 Corporals, 108 men.

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2ND BATTALION, 1ST JANUARY, 1911.

ROLL OF OFFICERS.

Lieut.-Colonel.

R. Fanshawe, D.S.O. (*Brevet-Colonel*).

Majors.

H. R. Davies. E. D. White.
H. F. Darell-Brown.

Captains.

W. Marriott-Dodington. Hon. G. W. F. S. Foljambe.
H. L. Wood. C. B. Benson, D.S.O.
A. W. N. Ponsonby. H. M. Dillon.

Lieutenants.

C. L. Scott. R. C. Evelegh.
A. J. N. Bartlett. F. V. Holt.
C. F. K. Carfrae. R. B. Crosse.
C. R. C. Boyle.

2nd Lieutenants.

R. G. Worthington. J. A. Southey.
A. C. M. Paris. C. S. Baines.
R. J. Brett.

Adjutant.

Lieut. U. J. D. Bourke.

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LIEUT.-COLONEL HENRY R. DAVIES,

COMMANDING 2ND BATTALION,

1911.

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Quartermaster.

Lieut. A. S. Field.

Warrant Officers and Staff Sergeants.

Sergeant-Major A. Warnock.
Bandmaster, F. Bradley.
Quartermaster-Sergeant W. Aries.
Quartermaster-Sergeant J. Manton (*Orderly Room*).
Quartermaster-Sergeant A. Saker (*Supernumerary*).
Colour - Sergeant - Instructor of Musketry, H. Gregory.

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COMPANIES OF THE BATTALION.

1st January, 1911.

Commanders.	Letter.	Subalterns.	Colour-Sergeants.
Major E. D. White - -	A	Lieut. R. C. Evelegh -	G. Arlett.
Captain W. Marriott-Dodington	B	2nd Lieut. Worthington -	H. Godden.
Captain H. M. Dillon.	C	Lieut. R. B. Crosse - -	A. Small.
Captain Hon. G. W. F. S. Foljambe.	D	Lieuts. Boyle and Bartlett.	A. Mason.
Captain A. W. N. Ponsonby.	E	2nd Lieut. A. C. M. Paris	F. Barnes.
Captain H. L. Wood - -	F	Lieut. C. F. K. Carfrae -	R. Vincent.
Captain C. B. Benson, D.S.O.	G	Lieut. F. V. Holt, 2nd Lieut. R. J. Brett.	H. Warnock.
Major H. F. Darell-Brown -	H	Lieut. C. L. Scott, 2nd Lieut. J. A. Southey.	W. Welch.

STATE OF THE 2nd BATTALION OXFORDSHIRE AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY.

1st January, 1911.

Station, etc.	No. of Companies.	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	Sergeants.	Buglers.	Rank and File.	Total of all Ranks.
At Shorncliffe - - -	8	15	2	30	10	423	490
At Oxford - - - -	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
On command - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	8	8
On leave - - - -	—	9	—		4	162	173
Attached - - - -	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Total - - -	8	27	2	39	14	593	675

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RECORD OF THE 2ND BATTALION FOR 1911.

1*st January.*—The Battalion, under the command of Brevet-Colonel R. Fanshawe, D.S.O., was quartered at Moore Barracks, Shorncliffe.

12*th March.*—Captain R. D. Keyworth joined the Battalion from employment under the Colonial Office, and was attached to Major White's Company, pending absorption.

4*th April.*—14 recruits arrived from the Depôt, and were posted to E Company.

28*th April.*—The Inspector-General of Infantry saw C and D Companies at training.

6*th May.*—Major A. J. F. Eden rejoined from a tour of duty at the Depôt, and took over the command of G Company.

9*th May.*—11 recruits arrived from the Depôt, and were posted to F and H Companies.

23*rd May.*—At the S.E. District Rifle Meeting the Regiment won the *Serjeants' Cup.*

30*th May.*—3 recruits arrived, and were posted to H Company.

6*th June.*—8 officers and 343 men, under the command of Major White, proceeded to Sheerness in connection with the Practice Mobilisation Scheme, and returned to Headquarters on the 9th inst.

19*th June.*—An Advance Party (1 officer and 20 men) proceeded to London to arrange for the encampment of the Regiment for the Coronation.

20*th June.*—The Regiment, strength 21 officers and 500 N.C.O.'s and men, proceeded to London for Coronation duty, and was encamped in Regent's Park.

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10*th August*.—Orders were received to have 600 men ready for Strike Duty.

12*th August*.—The above orders were cancelled, and men were permitted to proceed on pass.

15*th August*.—The Regiment was again warned for Strike Duty.

19*th August*.—At 3 a.m. the Regiment was ordered to proceed to Hull. Left Shorncliffe Station at 5.30 a.m., and reached Hull at 7 a.m. next day.

20*th*–25*th August*.—On Strike Duty at Hull.

25*th August*.—The Regiment left Hull at 7 p.m., and arrived at Shorncliffe at 7 next morning.

11*th*–14*th September*.—The Regiment took part in 10th Brigade operations.

18*th September*.—Major H. R. Davies, on promotion,

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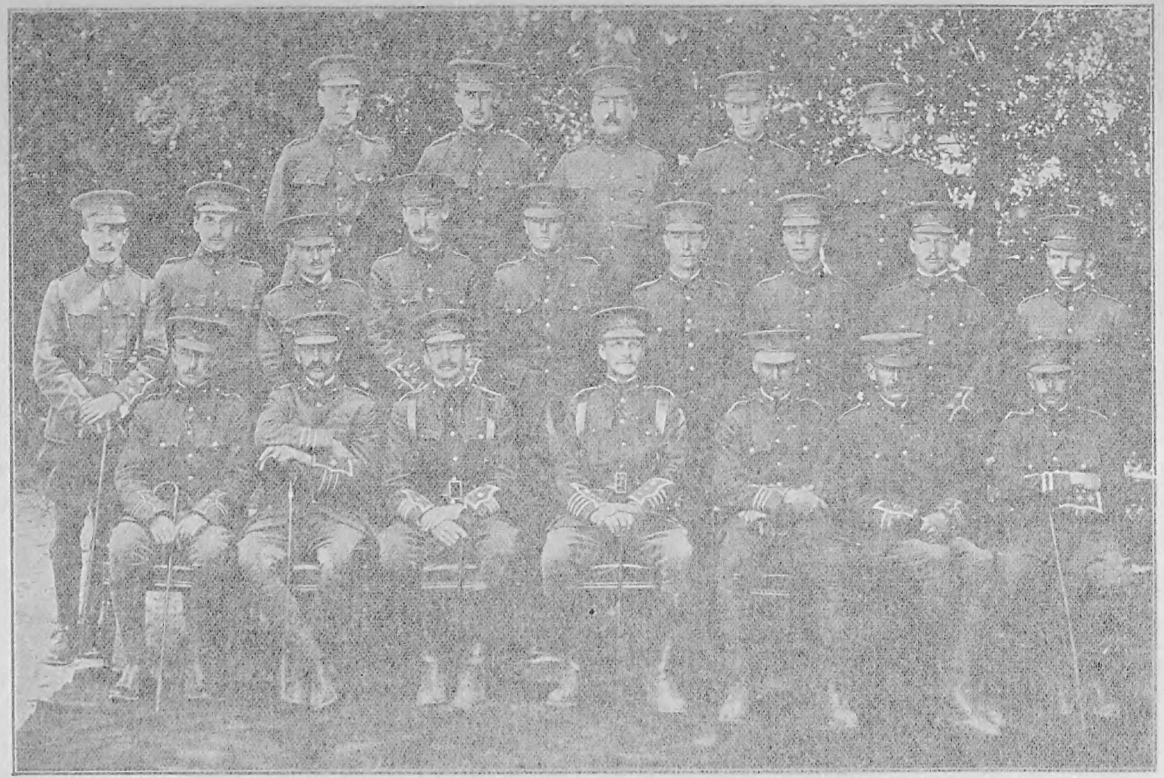

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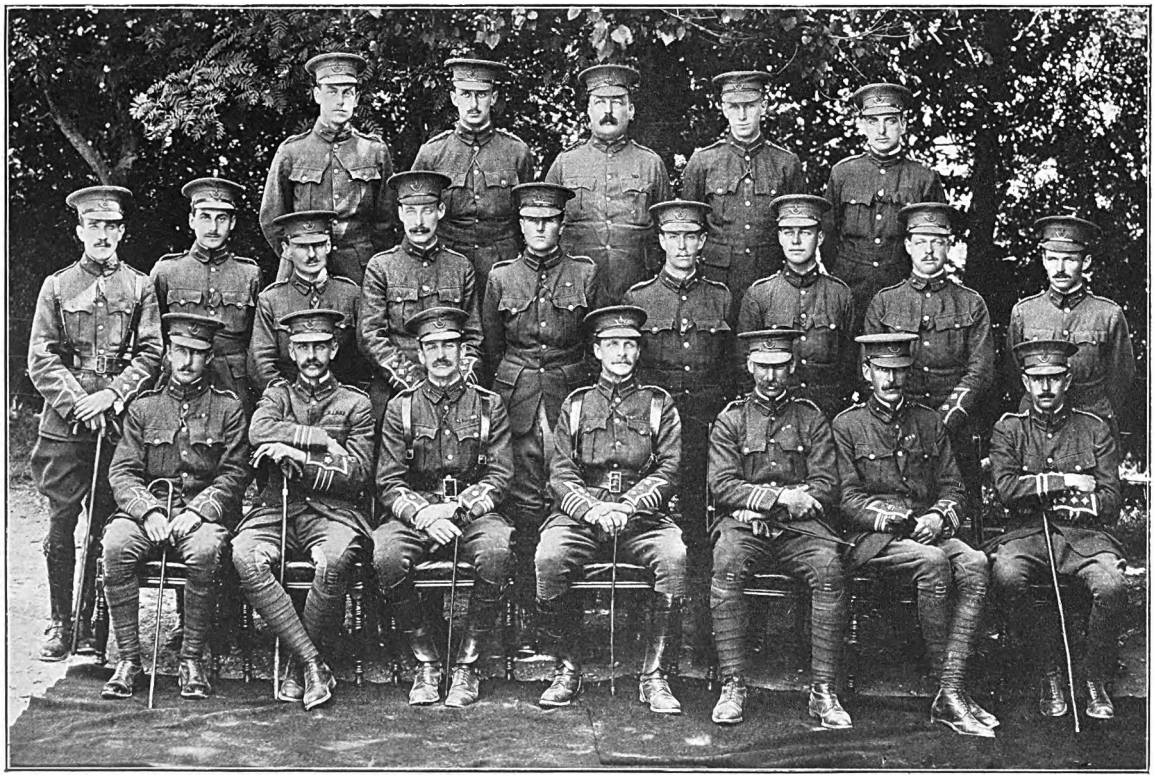

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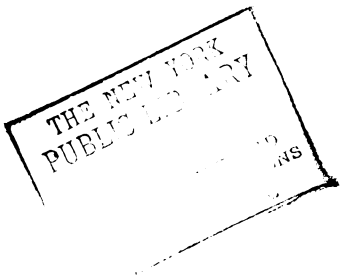

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took over the command of the Battalion from Colonel R. Fanshawe, D.S.O.

29*th September*.—The Regiment, strength 27 officers, 750 other ranks, 36 women, and 65 children, left Shorncliffe and proceeded to Aldershot, to be quartered in Albuhera Barracks.

2*nd October*.—Individual training commenced.

10*th October*.—Inspection by the Brigadier-General commanding the 5th Infantry Brigade.

23*rd October*.—The Regiment was inspected by the G.O.C.-in-Chief, Aldershot Command.

28*th October*.—2nd Lieut. H. Mockler-Ferryman joined the Battalion, on first appointment.

14*th November*.—4 recruits arrived, and were posted to C Company.

29*th November*.—A Draft, strength 113 of all ranks, proceeded to India on the H.T. *Plassy*.

Thirteen recruits arrived, and were posted 8 to G Company and 5 to F Company.

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THE DEPÔT, 1st JANUARY, 1911.

Roll of Officers.

Major.

H. L. Ruck-Keene, D.S.O. (*Commanding*).

Captains.

A. J. F. Eden (*Brevet-Major*).
J. A. Ballard. A. G. Bayley.

Lieutenants.

B. C. Parr. J. L. Portal.

Adjutant.

Captain L. F. Scott.

Quartermaster.

Captain T. King.

Changes during 1911.

Captain C. B. Benson, D.S.O., posted from the 2nd Battalion, for a tour of duty with the 3rd, Reserve, Battalion, *vice* Major A. J. F. Eden, who completed his tour of duty 3rd May, 1911.

Lieut. R. C. Evelegh, posted from the 2nd Battalion, *vice* Lieut. J. L. Portal, who rejoined the 2nd Battalion, to take up the duties of Assistant-Adjutant, 6th October, 1911.

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REGULAR ESTABLISHMENT, INCLUDING THOSE POSTED FOR A TOUR OF DUTY AS WELL AS THOSE PERMANENTLY POSTED TO THE RESERVE.

STATE, 1st JANUARY, 1911.

Major.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Adjutant.	Quartermaster.	Total Officers.	Warrant Officer.	Sergeants.	Buglers.	Rank and File.	Total W.O., N.C.O.'s and Men.	Total All Ranks.
1	3	2	1	1	8	1	22	10	117	150	158

INCREASE AND DECREASE (1st October, 1910, to 30th September, 1911).

Increase.

Joined as Recruits	144
,, from Desertion	1
,, from Home Battalion	46
,, from 1st Battalion in India	87
Total	278

Decrease.

Died	1
Discharged	45
To Army Reserve	62
To Home Battalion	164
Transfers to other Corps	2
Total	274

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THE OXFORDSHIRE AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY.

STATISTICS OF THE 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS, AND REGULAR ESTABLISHMENT POSTED TO THE RESERVE BATTALION FOR A TOUR OF DUTY.

For the year ending 30th September, 1911.

I.—INCREASE AND DECREASE DURING THE PAST YEAR.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN.

Total Effective on the 1st October, 1910 - 1,847.
Total Effective on the 1st October, 1911 - 1,837.
Net Decrease 10.

INCREASE.

	Total.
Recruits joined, Long Service, 12 years	3
„ Short „ 7 „	179
Joined from desertion	11
Transfers received	7
Total Increase	200

DECREASE.

	Total.
Died	5
Discharged after 21 years' Service	5
„ „ 18 „ „ (under Royal Warrant for Pay, etc.)	16
„ on completing 1st period	8
„ as invalids	17
„ by purchase	6
„ by claim under Sec. 81 Army Act	4
„ by indulgence under Art. 1058 (ii) R.W.	12
„ „ „ „ 1058 (*a*) R.W.	3
„ not likely to become efficient soldiers	2
„ for misconduct	8
„ on conviction—False answers on attestation	1
„ for other causes	3
Struck off as deserters	16
To Army Reserve on completion of service	74
„ „ on conversion of service	8
Transferred to Regular Army	17
„ to Supernumerary or Unattached List	3
„ to Territorial Forces	1
Other causes	1
Total Decrease	210

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WARRANT OFFICERS, STAFF SERGEANTS, AND SERGEANTS, 2ND BATTALION, 1911

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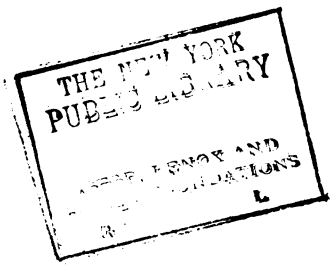

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II.—Particulars of 182 Recruits on Enlistment.

Ages.—3 under 17; 11 between 17 and 18; 106 between 18 and 19; 30 between 19 and 20; 18 between 20 and 21; 10 between 21 and 22; 4 over 22.

Average Measurements.—Height, 5 feet $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches; weight, $123\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.; chest measurement, $34\frac{1}{8}$ inches.

Educational Attainments.—Good, 9; fair, 49; moderate, 50; inferior, 48; illiterate, 7; obtained certificates in special reserve, 15; not examined, 4.

III.—Transfers to the Army Reserve.

On completing 6 years with the Colours, 2; 7 years, 21; 8 years, 57; 9 years, 1; 10 years, 1; on conversion of service after 6 years with the Colours, 2. Total, 82.

IV.—Extension of Service with the Colours.

To complete 12 years, 26.

V.—Re-engagements of N.C.O.'s and Men to Complete 21 Years.

After 9 years' service, 4; after 10 years, 4; after 11 years, 21. Total, 29.

VI.—Terms of Engagement, Etc., 30th September, 1911.

(1) Re-engaged, serving for pension:—

1*st Battalion*, 117; 2*nd Battalion*, 93; *Regular Establishment posted to Reserve Battalion for a Tour of Duty*, 54. Total, 264.

(2) 12 years with the Colours (Long Service, 1st Period):—

1*st Battalion*, 26; 2*nd Battalion*, 41; *with Reserve Battalion*, 5. Total, 72.

(3) To complete 12 years:—

1*st Battalion*, 92; 2*nd Battalion*, 28; *with Reserve Battalion*, 8. Total, 128.

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(4) For 9 years:—

1*st Battalion*, 273; 2*nd Battalion*, 56; *with Reserve Battalion*, 12. Total, 341.

(5) For 8 years:—

1*st Battalion*, 63; 2*nd Battalion*, 7; *with Reserve Battalion*, 1. Total, 71.

(6) For 7 years:—

1*st Battalion*, 428; 2*nd Battalion*, 500; *with Reserve Battalion* 33. Total, 961.

VII.—Ages of N.C.O.'s and Men sent to the 1st Battalion in India.

Between 18 and 30, 140. Total, 140.

VIII.—N.C.O.'s and Men who arrived Home from the 1st Battalion.

Invalids, 10; time expired, 6; to join Army Reserve, 68; to join home portion of Corps, 14; other causes, 11. Total, 109.

IX.—Granted Certificates of Education.

1st Class, 9; 2nd Class, 95; 3rd Class, 204. Total, 308.

X.—Crimes during the Year.

Court-Martial convictions, 29 (28 men).
Fines for drunkenness, 37 (30 men).

XI.—Deserters.

16 men deserted, of whom 11 rejoined. 6 of the deserters were in the first year of their service.

XII.—General State of the Regiment, 1st October, 1911.

Strength.—At home, 838; in India, 999. Total, 1,837 N.C.O.'s and men.

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Where Born.—England, 1,774; Wales, 2; Scotland, 3; Ireland, 25; India or Colonies, 33.

Religious Denominations.—Church of England, 1,643; Presbyterians, 14; Wesleyans, 84; Baptists or Congregationalists, 22; Plymouth Brethren, etc., 8; Roman Catholics, 66.

Educational Acquirements.—1st Class Certificates, 56; 2nd Class, 570; 3rd Class, 738. Total, 1,364. Without Certificates, 473.

In Possession of Good Conduct Medals.—Warrant Officers, 5; Sergeants, 23; other ranks, 8.

Good Conduct Badges (*Buglers and Privates only*).—One badge, 594; two badges, 287; three badges, 42; four badges, 31. Total, 954.

Average Age (*last Birthday*) *of N.C.O.'s and Men.*—Of 838 serving at home, $23\frac{3}{12}$ years; of 999 serving in India, $25\frac{3}{12}$ years.

Average Length of Service of Colour-Sergeants and Sergeants.—At home, Colour-Sergeants, $16\frac{1}{12}$ years; Sergeants, $14\frac{5}{12}$ years; in India, Colour-Sergeants, 15 years; Sergeants, $14\frac{1}{2}$ years.

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ARMY RESERVE.

OXFORDSHIRE AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY.

1st October, 1911.

Strength.

Section.	Staff-Sergeants.	Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates.	Total.
A - -	—	—	—	2	—	53	55
B - -	—	—	1	17	—	638	656
D - -	—	—	1	6	1	211	219
Total -	—	—	2	25	1	902	930

Ages.

Section.	Under 30 Years.	30 and under 35.	35 and under 40.	40 and under 45	Total.
A and B -	565	140	6	–	711
D - -	1	192	26		219
Total - -	566	332	32	—	930

Years in which Service will expire in the Reserve.

Years.	Sections A and B.	Section D.	Total.
1.10.11 to 30.9.12 - -	109	43	152
1.10.12 ,, 30.9.13 - - -	191	—	191
1.10.13 ,, 30.9.14 - - -	114	77	191
1.10.14 ,, 30.9.15 -	172	99	271
1.10.15 ,, 30.9.16 - - -	102	—	102
1.10.16 ,, 30.9.17 - - -	23	–	23
Total - - -	711	219	930

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NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN QUALIFIED TO ACT AS MOUNTED INFANTRY INCLUDED IN THE STRENGTH OF ARMY RESERVE.

Section A.				Section B.				Section D.				Total.			
Sergeants.	Buglers.	Rank and File.	Total.	Sergeants.	Buglers.	Rank and File.	Total.	Sergeants.	Buglers.	Rank and File.	Total.	Sergeants.	Buglers.	Rank and File.	Total.
—	—	10	10	—	—	124	124	—	—	72	72	—	—	206	206

ARMY RESERVISTS WHO HAVE PERMISSION TO RESIDE ABROAD, AND WHO ARE INCLUDED IN THE STRENGTH.

Countries.	Section B.	Section D.	Total.
Australia - - - - -	9	—	9
Canada - - - - -	21	5	26
India - - - - -	8	—	8
New Zealand - - - -	2	—	2
North America - - - -	2	—	2
At Sea - - - - -	1	—	1
Total - - - -	43	5	48

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EXTRACTS FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE," 1911.

17*th February*.—Captain W. Marriott-Dodington, to be a Garrison-Adjutant (graded Staff-Captain), *vice* Major J. B. G. Tulloch, The King's Own (Yorks. L.I.). Dated 10th February, 1911.

3*rd March*.—Captain W. Marriott-Dodington is seconded for service on the Staff. Dated 10th February, 1911.

17*th March*.—Supernumerary-Captain R. D. Keyworth is restored to the establishment. Dated 28th February, 1911.

9*th May*.—2nd Lieut. R. G. Worthington to be Lieutenant. Dated 1st April, 1911.

19*th May*.—Gent.-Cadet Reginald Mansfield Owen, from the Royal Military College, to be 2nd Lieutenant. Dated 20th May, 1911.

4*th August*.—Lieut. G. Blewitt, to be A.D.C. to Major-General W. E. Blewitt, C.B., C.M.G. Dated 24th July, 1911.

15*th August*.—Lieut. G. Blewitt is seconded for service on the Staff. Dated 24th July, 1911.

22*nd August*.—Captain H. M. Dillon is seconded for service under the Colonial Office. Dated 26th July, 1911.

Supernumerary-Captain G. A. Sullivan is restored to the establishment. Dated 26th July, 1911.

5*th September*.—2nd Lieut. J. J. Powell to be Lieutenant. Dated 24th July, 1911.

19*th September*.—Lieut.-Colonel and Bt.-Colonel R. Fanshawe, D.S.O., on completion of his period of

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service in command of a battalion, is placed on the half-pay list. Dated 18th September, 1911.

Bt.-Colonel R. Fanshawe, D.S.O., half-pay list, to be Colonel. Dated 18th September, 1911.

Major H. R. Davies to be Lieut.-Colonel, *vice* Bt.-Colonel R. Fanshawe, D.S.O. Dated 18th September, 1911.

Gent.-Cadet Hugh Mockler-Ferryman, from the Royal Military College, to be 2nd Lieutenant. Dated 20th September, 1911.

23*rd September.—The Suffolk Regiment.* Corporal (Lance-Sergeant) Charles Francis Bateman Smith, from the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, to be 2nd Lieutenant. Dated 23rd September, 1911.

3*rd October.*—Captain and Bt.-Major A. J. F. Eden to be Major. Dated 18th September, 1911.

6*th October.*—Major K. R. Hamilton, D.S.O., is placed temporarily on the half-pay list, on account of ill-health. Dated 19th September, 1911.

13*th October.*—Supernumerary Captain C. E. Forrest, D.S.O., is restored to the establishment. Dated 18th September, 1911.

20*th October.*—Captain R. M. Feilden to be Major. Dated 19th September, 1911.

24*th October.*—Lieut.-Colonel F. G. L. Lamotte, on completion of his period of command of a battalion, is placed on the half-pay list. Dated 23rd October, 1911.

Major E. D. White to be Lieut.-Colonel, *vice* F. G. L. Lamotte. Dated 23rd October, 1911.

27*th October.*—Supernumerary-Captain C. H. Frith is restored to the establishment. Dated 19th October, 1911.

3*rd November.*—Lieut.-Colonel F. G. L. Lamotte to be Colonel. Dated 30th August, 1911.

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7*th November*.—Captain W. Marriott-Dodington to be Major. Dated 23rd October, 1911.

10*th November*.—Colonel R. Fanshawe, D.S.O., from the half-pay list, to be General Staff Officer, 1st Grade, *vice* Colonel (temp. Brig.-General) R. A. K. Montgomery, C.B., D.S.O. Dated 25th October, 1911.

15*th December*.—Lieut. Hon. C. A. J. Annesley to be A.D.C. to the Governor of Madras. Dated 3rd November, 1911.

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MEDALS FOR "LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT."

APPENDIX TO ARMY ORDER No. 92 OF 1911.

With Gratuity.

No. 4076, Quartermaster-Sergeant F. M. ROBERTS.
No. 4180, Quartermaster-Sergeant D. WALLER.
No. 3840, Colour-Sergeant A. R. AYRES.
No. 4177, Colour-Sergeant H. S. BENNELL.
No. 3901, Colour-Sergeant J. G. BLACK.
No. 4137, Colour-Sergeant T. JONES.
No. 4186, Colour-Sergeant A. E. WEATHERHEAD.
No. 4269, Colour-Sergeant T. V. WOOD.
No. 4003, Sergeant E. ARNALL.
No. 4045, Sergeant O. G. SURRIDGE.
No. 4215, Sergeant E. CALLARD.
No. 4008, Lance-Sergeant J. WILLIAMS.
No. 4196, Corporal G. SADLER.
No. 4300, Bandsman F. FRANKUM.
No. 7768, Private G. H. POLLEY.
No. 4129, Private G. THISTLEWOOD.

Without Gratuity.

No. 8610, Bandmaster T. M. DUFFY.

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Appendix to Army Order No. 280 of 1911.

With Gratuity.

No. 4364, Quartermaster-Sergeant A. J. Saker.
No. 4335, Colour-Sergeant H. Warnock.
No. 4468, Colour-Sergeant F. C. Dwight.
No. 4442, Colour-Sergeant G. H. Henderson.
No. 4434, Sergeant H. M. Munn.
No. 4553, Sergeant A. Dimmock.
No. 4428, Private A. Chilton.
No 3896, Private S. Hitchman.
No. 4391, Private W. Holding.
No. 4248, Private D. Hiorns.

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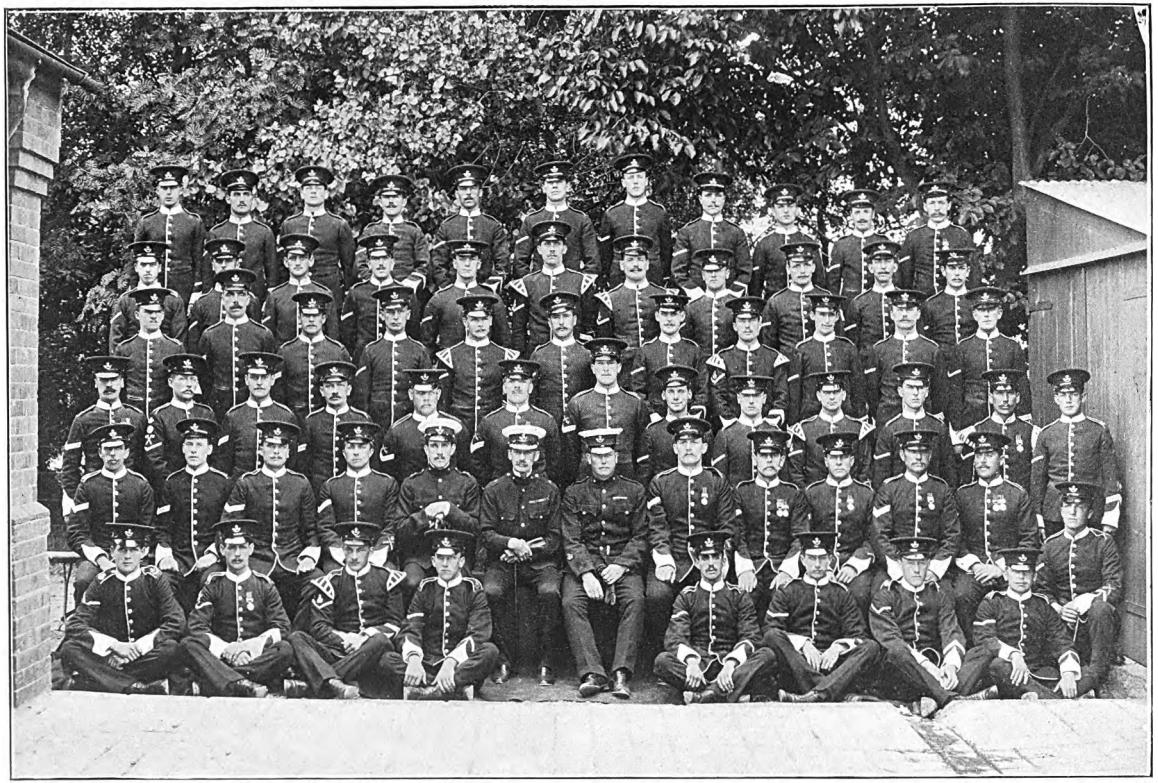

CORPORALS AND LANCE-CORPORALS, 2ND BATTALION, 1911.

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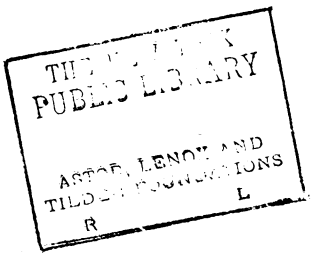

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THE REGIMENTAL DINNER, 1911.

THE Annual Dinner took place at the Hotel Cecil on the 16th June, when the following were present:—Major-General T. M. Bailie; Lieut. A. J. N. Bartlett; Captain A. G. Bayley; Lieut. U. J. D. Bourke; Captain E. T. C. Bower; Major C. J. Boyle; Lieut. C. R. C. Boyle; Colonel M. S. Brownrigg; Captain C. O. Chichester; Major E. M. Childers; Colonel P. T. Clark; Captain E. R. Clayton; Lieut. A. S. Crum; Colonel the Hon. A. E. Dalzell, C.B.; Major H. R. Davies; Captain H. M. Dillon; Major A. J. F. Eden; Colonel R. Fanshawe, D.S.O.; Captain R. M. Feilden; Captain C. E. Forrest, D.S.O.; Captain C. H. Frith; Captain J. F. C. Fuller; Colonel Sir S. V. A. Hammick; Captain S. F. Hammick; Brig.-General Sir J. Hanbury-Williams, K.C.V.O., C.M.G.; Lieut. F. V. Holt; Lieut.-Colonel R. G. H. Hughes; Captain W. C Hunter; Dep.-Surgeon-General C. A. Innes, M.D.; Lieut.-Colonel J. Johnstone; Major R. C. Luard; Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Money; Captain C. J. Mitchell; Captain G. S. F. Napier; Major R. L. Ovey; Lieut. G. F. Plowden; Captain A. W. N. Ponsonby; Lieut. J. L. Portal; Major H. Ruck-Keene, D.S.O.; Lieut. A. E. Sanderson; Captain L. F. Scott; Lieut. F. W. M. D. Scott; Captain E. L. Somers-Cocks; Colonel J. A. Strachan; Major F. A. B. Talbot; Captain L. Tunnard; Colonel E. Villiers, A.D.C.; Captain L. E. S. Ward; Major E. D. White; Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. G. H. Windsor-Clive.

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MUSKETRY, 1911.

2ND BATTALION.

RESULTS OF MUSKETRY FOR 1911.

TABLE B.

Company.	Part I.		Part III.					Figure of Merit.
	Commenced.	Failed.	Commenced.	Marksmen.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	
A - - -	68	1	62	1	22	33	6	98·9
B - - -	70	1	64	6	21	34	3	104·7
C - - -	71	2	67	4	21	37	5	101·7
D - - -	76	2	73	2	29	37	5	103·5
E - - -	80	0	74	9	22	42	1	106·3
F - - -	59	2	55	3	16	28	8	98·4
G - - -	79	2	77	3	27	42	5	103
H - - -	59	1	53	4	21	26	2	107
Total -	562	11	525	32	179	279	35	102·9

Best Shooting Company.—E Company.

Best Shot of Sergeants.—Lance-Sergeant Connor, H Company.

Best Shot of Rank and File.—Private Brooks, F Company.

Winner of the Gold Medal.—Lance-Corporal May, E Company.

REGIMENTAL RIFLE MEETING.

The Annual Meeting was held at Hythe, on the 7th and 8th July, 1911.

Matches and Results:—

[*Class A*, N.C.O.'s (including Lance-Corporals) and men with more than 6 years' service; *Class B*, men who have commenced Part II., Table B;

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Class C, men who have never commenced Part II., Table B, and 3rd Class Shots.]

MATCH I.—*Classes A, B, and C.* 200 yards. *Classes A and B*, 2nd Class figure targets, with centre figure; *Class C*, 2nd Class figure targets. Time, unlimited. 5 rounds. 6-inch ring inside figure.—*Class A.* 1st, Sergeant East; 2nd, Sergeant Woodage; 3rd, Lance-Corporal Evans.—*Class B.* 1st, Private Heavens (B); 2nd, Private Haines (C); 3rd, Private Hill (B).—*Class C.* 1st, Private Jacobs (F); 2nd, Private Cuss (D).

MATCH II.—*Classes A and B.* 300 yards. Target, Figure 3, with white 6-inch bull's-eye and 12-inch inner. Five rounds. 25 seconds. Magazine empty, safety catch back.—*Class A.* 1st, Private Day (E); 2nd, Lance-Corporal Armitt (C); 3rd, C.S.I.M. Gregory (E).—*Class B.* 1st, Private Dorrill (F); 2nd, Private Kirby (D); 3rd, Private Norris (D).

MATCH III.—*Classes A, B, and C.* 200 yards. Target, 2nd Class figure. 5 rounds. Loaded rifle resting on sandbag, with safety catch forward. Firer to run round a post, ten yards from firing point, between each shot, rifle to be left at firing point. Time, 50 seconds.—*Class A.* 1st, Sergeant-Bugler Martin; 2nd, Sergeant Jones; 3rd, Lance-Corporal North.—*Class B.* 1st, Private Pike (F); 2nd, Private Conley (A); 3rd, Private Cook (H).—*Class C.* 1st, Private Sylvester (A); 2nd, Private Adams (H).

MATCH IV.—*Classes A and B.* 400 yards. 1st Class figure target. Rounds, 1 sighter and 5. Time, 25 seconds. Rifle unloaded and safety catch back.—*Class A.* 1st, C.S.I.M. Gregory; 2nd, Lance-Corporal Nievans; 3rd, Lance-Corporal King.—*Class B.* 1st, Private Butvher (B); 2nd, Private Haines (C); 3rd, Bugler Bettey (B).

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MATCH V.—*Classes A, B, and C.* 500 yards. 1st Class figure target. 10 rounds. 35 seconds. Rifle loaded and safety catch forward.—*Class A.* 1st, Private Harding (B); 2nd, Colour-Sergeant Godden; 3rd, Lance-Corporal Lee (E).—*Class B.* 1st, Private Smith (F); 2nd, Private Cox (A); 3rd, Private Batt (D).—*Class C.* 1st, Private Jacobs (F); 2nd, Private Cuss (D).

MATCH VI.—*Classes A, B, and C.* 600 yards. 1st Class figure target. 5 rounds. 20 seconds per shot. Rifle rested.—*Class A.* 1st, Sergeant Luckett; 2nd, Lance-Corporal Armitt; 3rd, Private Harding (B).—*Class B.* 1st, Private Giles (B); 2nd, Private Hathaway (G); 3rd, Private May (E).—*Class C.* 1st, Private Verrier (F); 2nd, Private Robbins (F).

CHAMPIONSHIP.

Aggregate of all individual Matches.

Class A	- -	C.S.I.M. Gregory (E).
Class B	- -	Private Rackley (E).
Class C	- -	Private Jacobs (F).

MATCH VII.—*Inter-Section Tile Competition.* Targets, 4 tiles per team. 5 rounds in 1 minute. Team, 1 N.C.O. and 3 privates. Range, about 300 yards. Rifle unloaded and at the "order" until the whistle blows. No loading before lying down. The team which first knocks down all the tiles to win; failing that, the team which knocks down the most tiles within the time limit.—1st, G Company (1); 2nd, E Company (4); 3rd, F Company (1)

MATCH VIII.—*Inter-Section Competition.* 200 yards. Wantage Targets. 5 rounds. Team, 1 N.C.O. and 7 privates. Rifle rested on sandbag, with butt on the ground until target exposed. Exposure, 4 seconds.

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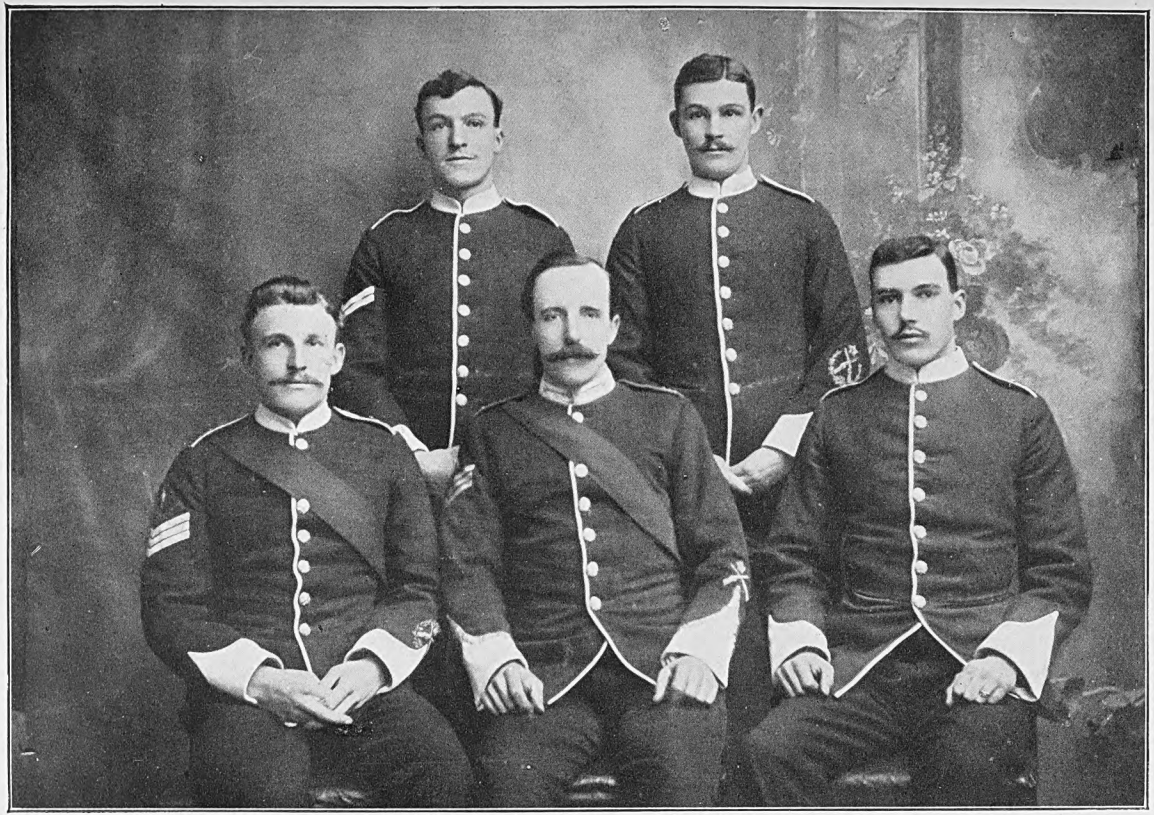

Corporal F. May. Private A. Brooks.
Sergeant D. Connor C.S.I. of M., H. Gregory. Private Jacobs.

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1st, F Company (4); 2nd, F Company (1); 3rd, C Company (2).

MATCH IX.—*Inter-Company Competition.* Teams of 10, two of whom may be above the rank of Corporal. Conditions as for Company Match, A.R.A., where they apply.—1st, A Company; 2nd, E Company; 3rd, G Company.

At the SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING, held at Hythe, in May, the Sergeants of the 52nd won the *Inter-Sergeants' Mess Cup.* In the *Fire Control Competition*, B and F Companies tied for second place; F Company was third in the "*N*" *Cup*; and H Company was third in the *Folkestone Borough Cup.* First prizes were taken in various competitions by Quartermaster-Sergeant Aries, C.S.I.M. Gregory, and Boy Jensen; while Sergeant Johnstone, Private Sandford, and Boys Chantry and Lucas won second prizes.

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ATHLETICS, 1911.

1st Battalion.

After a lapse of two years, during which time the 43rd were in Burma, with detachments far from Headquarters, the Annual Athletic Meeting was held on the Gymkhana Ground, at Wellington, on the 19th, 20th, and 21st January, 1911, the Companies on detachment on the West Coast being, compared with Burma, close to Headquarters, and so able to send in representatives to compete. Three drafts from home have joined the 43rd since Lucknow, and this was their first chance of competing in Regimental Sports, consequently the entries were very good, but, as things turned out, the older men pulled off most of the chief events. Several good performances were recorded, the best being Corporal Boatwright's mile in 4 min. 54⅘ sec., and Bugler Grant's quarter-mile in 54⅖ sec., and 100 yards in 10⅖ sec. The latter also threw the cricket ball a distance of over 100 yards.

The Championship (for the best athlete) was again won by Bugler Grant with 48 points, Corporal Boatwright being second with 27 points, and Lance-Sergeant Hadden third with 21 points. Bugler Grant, having won the Quarter-Mile Challenge Belt on three successive occasions, was presented with a miniature belt, the old belt being retained in the Regiment.

There was a keen fight for the Company Athletic Cup between A Company and G Company, the result hanging on the high-jump. Private Hollington had won this event for A Company easily in 1907 and 1908 with jumps of over 5 ft., but this year he could only clear 4 ft. 10½ in., and was placed second, while G Com-

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pany's representatives took first and third places. The Athletic Cup, therefore, fell to G Company, who scored 80 points to A Company's 77, F Company being third with 42 points.

Events and results:—

100 *Yards.*—Bugler Grant (10⅖ sec.), 1st; Sergeant Rawlings, 2nd; Lance-Sergeant Hadden, 3rd.

Quarter Mile.—Bugler Grant (54⅖ sec.), 1st; Private Keene, 2nd; Bugler Butler, 3rd.

Half-Mile.—Private Tattam (2 min. 11⅗ sec.), 1st; Corporal Boatwright, 2nd; Private Stallwood, 3rd.

One Mile.—Corporal Boatwright (4 min. 54⅘ sec.), 1st; Private Stallwood, 2nd; Private Tattam, 3rd.

Three Miles.—Corporal Boatwright (17 min. 20⅘ sec.), 1st; Private Stallwood, 2nd; Private Swift, 3rd.

High Jump.—Private Keene (4 ft. 11½ in.), 1st; Private Hollington, 2nd; Lance-Corporal Murray, 3rd.

Long Jump.—Private Wilkins (19 ft. 4 in.), 1st; Lance-Sergeant Hadden, 2nd; Bugler Grant, 3rd.

Putting the Weight.—Bugler Grant (30 ft. 2½ in.), 1st; Sergeant Rawlings, 2nd; Private Ford, 3rd.

120 *Yards, Hurdles.*—Lance-Sergeant Hadden (18 sec.), 1st; Private Hollington, 2nd; Bugler Grant, 3rd.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Bugler Grant (103 yds. 2 ft.), 1st; Private Ford, 2nd; Private Elderfield, 3rd.

Tug-of-War: Catch Weights.—B Company, 1st; G Company, 2nd.

Tug-of-War: Light Weights.—B Company, 1st; C Company, 2nd.

Potato Race.—Private Akers, 1st; Lance-Corporal Belcham, 2nd; Private Sheppard, 3rd.

Sack Race.—Private Sheppard, 1st; Lance-Corporal Morris, 2nd; Private Staples, 3rd.

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Officers' Race (*Handicap*). — Captain Higgins (11 yds.), 1st; Lieut. Ivey (28 yds.), 2nd; Captain Carter (18 yds.), 3rd.

Sergeants' Race (*Handicap*).—Lance - Sergeant Hadden (14 yds.), 1st; Sergeant Rawlings (14 yds.), 2nd; Lance-Sergeant Arlett (12 yds.), 3rd.

Corporals' Relay (*One Mile*).—F Company, 1st; C Company, 2nd; G Company, 3rd.

Old Soldiers' Race (*Handicap*).—Private Berry, (26 yds.), 1st; Corporal Watson (26 yds.), 2nd; Lance-Corporal Harris (15 yds.), 3rd.

Children's Race.—D. Pears, 1st; Cora Shilcock, 2nd; Ethel Waller, 3rd.

Young Soldiers' Race (Burma Drafts. 120 yards).—Private Howard, 1st; Private Keene, 2nd; Private Inwood, 3rd.

Young Soldiers' Race (Last Draft. 120 yards).—L. C. Morris, 1st; Privates Grant and Castle (dead-heat), 2nd.

Band Boys' Race.—Boy Henderson, 1st; Boy Reynolds, 2nd; Boy Miller, 3rd.

200 *Yards, Open.*—Bugler Grant, 1st; Sergeant Rawlings, 2nd; Lance-Sergeant Hadden, 3rd.

Championship Prizes.—Bugler Grant (48 points), 1st; Corporal Boatwright (27), 2nd; Lance-Sergeant Hadden (21), 3rd.

Consolation Race.—Private Davies, 1st; Private House, 2nd; Private Paintin, 3rd.

Company Athletic Cup.—G Company (80 points), 1st; A Company (77), 2nd; F Company (42), 3rd.

R.A.T.A. Cross-Country Race.

The R.A.T.A. branch of the Battalion having obtained permission to present a cup for a cross-country race, the conditions were fixed as follows: Company teams of eight; the team having its full

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complement in first to hold the cup for one year; each member of the winning team to receive a silver medal.

Six teams entered, viz., two from C Company, and one each from E, F, G, and H. The race, which was run off on the evening of January 26th, was over a severe course of about five miles, starting from the top of Sugar Loaf Hill (6,300 ft.), with a gradual rise for a mile and a half to the lower slopes of Anderson Hill (7,000 ft.), where the first turning point was fixed. Thence there was a steep descent into the Rifle Range Valley, and another climb of 400 ft. up Inglis Hill, to the second turning point. Then came another drop into the valley, and finally a climb of 300 ft. to the winning post, on Old Bazaar Hill, close to Barracks, and whence the whole course was visible. Unfortunately, one contingent, consisting chiefly of B, G, and F Companies, went too much to the right soon after the start, and climbed a hill wide of the course, but the others, seeing the flag of the turning point, kept much lower down, and took a long lead, which was never lost. The first man home was Private Akers (F Company), who completed the course in 54 min. 5 sec.; Private Saxby and 2nd Lieut. Irwin (Unattached List) being close up, second and third. C Company's No. 1 team won the cup and the medals, all the team finishing among the first seventeen runners, which was a very good performance. B Company was second, and G Company was third, no other company having a full complement in.

Bengal Presidency Athletic Meeting.

Last year (1910), three men were sent from Burma to Calcutta to compete at the above meeting for the "Sir George White Challenge Shield," and they did well in obtaining third place, with 32 points, only four

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points behind the winners, who were the representatives of the Royal Irish Rifles from Maymyo. Encouraged by having done so satisfactorily with only three men, we decided this year to send a strong team; and, as several promising runners had come to the front at the Regimental Sports in January, we had high hopes of winning the shield. Early in February, the team, consisting of Sergeant Rawlings, Corporal Boatwright, Buglers Grant and Butler, and Privates Stallwood and Keene, left Wellington for Calcutta, and as the meeting was not to be held until the 17th and 18th February, they had some ten days in which to get acclimatised.

Good as our team was, the 2nd Battalion the King's (Liverpool Regiment) possessed a better one and carried off the shield with a score of 91 points to our 37. This seems a big difference, but Corporal Boatwright, in the mile, was beaten by Drummer Roberts (King's) only by inches; while Bugler Grant, after running second in the 100 yards, and winning the quarter-mile in the good time of 51$\frac{4}{5}$ sec., was only just beaten in the Mile Relay Race, he running the last quarter and having quite ten yards to catch up when he started. Thus the points which were lost for these two events gave the shield to the King's, for, if we had won the two events, the result would have been 47 points to us and 46 to the King's.

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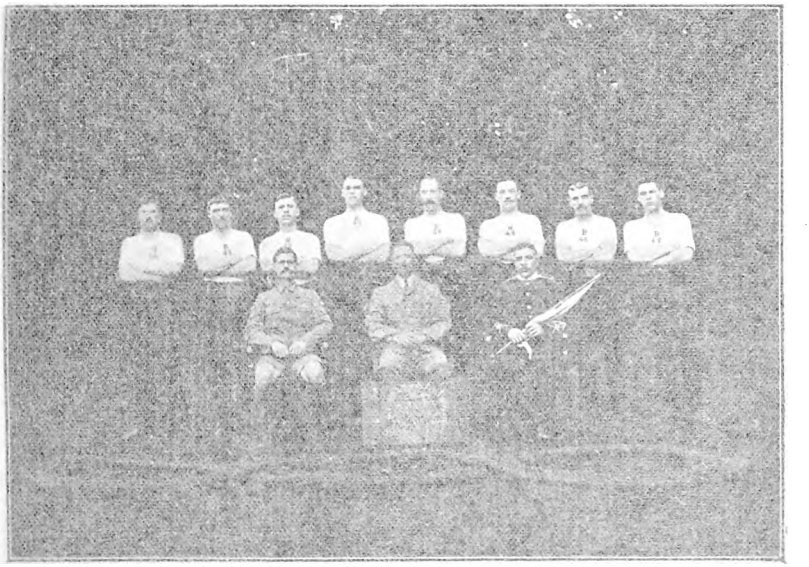

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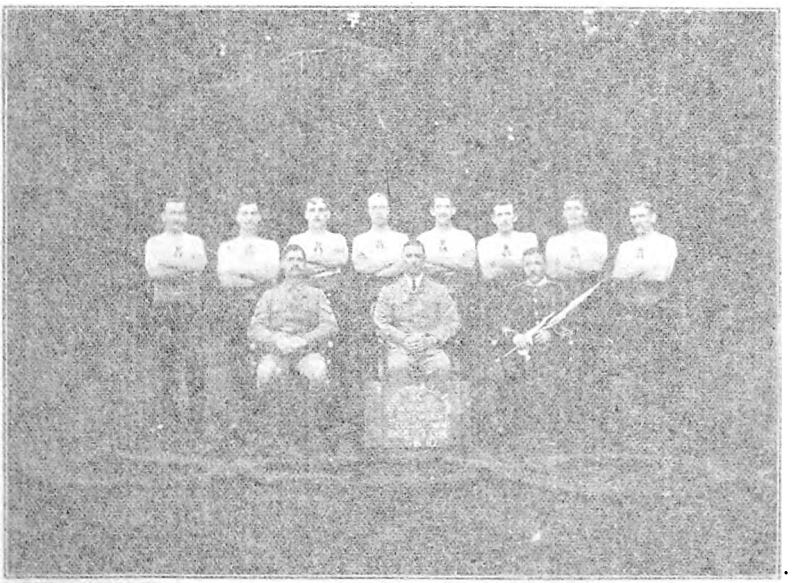

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WINNERS OF THE TUG-OF-WAR, 1st BATTALION [illegible]

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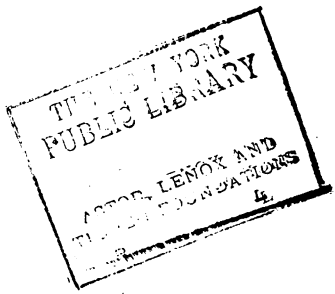

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One silver medal and four bronze medals, besides about Rs. 250, were won by the team.

Gymkhana Sports.

In accordance with IX. Division Orders, each regiment is permitted to choose a day commemorative of a victory in which it has taken part, such day being kept as a holiday throughout the Southern Brigade. The 43rd, this year, chose the 6th April, the anniversary of the storming of Badajoz, and held a gymkhana meeting on the Barrack Square at Wellington. The following were the events:—

Relay Race.—Open to teams of eight from each section of the Convalescent Depôt. Won by the Burma section.

Relay Race.—Company teams of eight. F Company, 1st; C Company, 2nd; E Company, 3rd.

Cross-Country Race.—(About 3 miles, with stiff hill work.) Open to teams of eight from the Convalescent Depôt. Won by the Cameron Highlanders' section.

Cross-Country Race.—Inter-Company. Won by C Company, G Company being second. Private Stallwood (G) was 1st, completing the course in 29 min. 17$\frac{3}{5}$ sec.; the next five being placed in the following order: Private White, Lance-Corporal Wheeler, Private Akers, Private Paice, Private Paintin.

220 *Yards* (open to the Garrison).—The first three places were taken by the Regiment. Sergeant Rawlings, 1st; Lance-Sergeant Hadden, 2nd; Bugler Butler, 3rd.

Novices Half-Mile.—Private Sills, 1st; Private Paintin, 2nd; Private Miles, 3rd.

Novices Quarter-Mile.—Private Stallwood, 1st; Private Grant, 2nd; Private Sanders, 3rd.

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Barrel Rolling.—Private Hall, 1st; Private Morr 2nd.

Spar Boxing (over water).—Private Taylor, 1st; Private Bunn, 2nd.

Bucket and Water Race.—Private Staples, 1st; Private Kingsbury, 2nd.

Boat Race.—Teams of four and a cox. Members of the team, astride a pole, to run backwards, while the cox, facing the right way, steers his crew. Private Lane's team, 1st; Private Sheppard's, 2nd.

Band Race.—Private Baker, 1st; Lance-Corporal Webster and Private Adams (equal), 2nd.

Affinity Race (open to the Garrison).—Gentlemen to be in line about 80 yards from, and opposite to their partners. Gentlemen to run, with cigarette in mouth and carrying a box of matches, to lady, who is provided with a needle and thread and a small bottle of soda water. On reaching his partner the gentleman will hand the matches to her, and will receive the needle and thread. He threads the needle, while his partner lights the cigarette in his mouth. As soon as the needle is threaded, he will drink the soda water, and then, with lighted cigarette in mouth, and with needle and thread in hand, he runs to the winning-post. Sergeant Shillcock, 1st; Sergeant Stevens, 2nd; Sergeant Tyrrel (Convalescent Depôt), 3rd.

Children's Race.—D. Pears, 1st; A. Pears, 2nd; C. Shillcock, 3rd.

Egg and Spoon Race (for ladies).—Mrs. Henderson, 1st; Mrs. Munn, 2nd; Mrs. Kirkby, 3rd.

Wrestling (*Pick-a-Back*).—Won by Privates Taylor and Kirby, C Company.

Pick-a-Back (Sergeants to carry Colour-Sergeants).—Won by Sergeant Arlett carrying Colour-Sergeant Mann.

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Tilting at the Bucket was as popular as usual, and produced several successful pairs.

Escalading Race.

On the 20th July, an escalading race was run off, to decide the best company team to represent the Regiment at the Bangalore Assault-at-Arms. The conditions were that company teams of one N.C.O. and six privates were to run 100 yards, scale a wooden wall 15 feet high, and run a second 100 yards to the winning-post. The teams were dressed in drill-order, and a rope was allowed as an aid to scaling the wall, but it was not necessary to carry the rope to the winning-post. Eventually it was found that the available space on the obstacle course at Wellington would not admit of 100 yards being run on each side of the wall, so the distances were reduced to 50 yards, over rough ground. Result:—

C Company, 1 min. 43$\frac{2}{5}$ sec., 1st.
G Company, 1 min. 55$\frac{4}{5}$ sec., 2nd.

The winning team (Sergeant Rawlings, Lance-Corporal Baldock, Bugler Butler, Privates Sturch, Smith, Price, and Paintin) went to Bangalore, but were beaten by the company teams of the 2nd Q. O. Cameron Highlanders, the winners doing the full-length course in the excellent time of 56$\frac{2}{5}$ sec.

At the Sports of the Detachment Border Regiment held at Wellington Depôt on the 28th October, in celebration of the centenary of the battle of Arroyo dos Molinos, there were two races open to the Garrison, viz., a Khud Race and a One-Mile Race.

The *Khud Race* was over a three-mile hill and dale course, and was open to teams of eight, the first six home to count. Points arrived at by totalling up the

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places of the men; fewest points to win. The race was won by E Company of the Regiment, with the following places: 2nd, 4th, 9th, 12th, 18th, 19th = 64 points; while D Company was second, with 66 points. Private Lane (H Company 43rd) was 1st; Private Akers (E Company 43rd), 2nd; Lance-Corporal Taylor (Border), 3rd; and the next four places were taken by 43rd men.

In the *Open Mile*, Private Castle (A Company 43rd) was 3rd.

Bayonet Fighting.

The Inter-Company Bayonet Fighting Tournament took place at Wellington on the 20th and 21st July, seven of the eight companies entering.

1st Round.—E Company beat G Company (5 fights to 3). A Company beat B Company (tie decided by the instructors fighting). H Company beat C Company (5 fights to 3). F Company a bye.

Semi-Finals.—A beat E (6 fights to 2). H beat F (tie decided by the instructors fighting).

Final.—H Company beat A Company (5 fights to 3).

Winning Team.—Sergeant Love (instructor), Lance-Corporals Richardson and Jackson, Privates Hall, Day, Nutt, Greenaway, Bunyan, and French.

H Company was sent to compete at the Bangalore Assault-at-Arms, but they were beaten by a company team of the 2nd Leicestershire Regiment.

2nd Battalion.

Events and results:—

Recruits' Cross-Country Race (about 6 miles).—Private Berry (A), 1st; Private Warner (A), 2nd; Private Turner (C), 3rd. Winner's time, 41 minutes.

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Individual Bayonet Fighting (Corporals and Lance-Corporals).—Corporal Clare (F), 1st; Lance-Corporal Lee (H), 2nd; Lance-Corporal Wingrove (A), 3rd.

Individual Bayonet Fighting (Privates).—Private Yates (H), 1st; Private Nightingale (G), 2nd; Private Taylor (A), 3rd.

Regimental Cross-Country Race (about 4½ miles).—256 started. D Company was 1st, and G 2nd. Individual winners: Lance-Corporal Smith (G), 1st, time 25 min. 18 sec.; Lance-Corporal Moody (E), 2nd; Private Luckett (G), 3rd; Lance-Corporal Sales (G), 4th.

One Mile Race.—Bugler Holland (A), 1st; Lance-Corporal Moody (E), 2nd; Lance-Corporal North (G), 3rd; Lance-Corporal Sales (G), 4th.

High Jump.—Private Hall (F), 1st; Sergeant Williams (C), 2nd; Private Kerswell (D), 3rd; Sergeant Bridgewater (A), 4th. Winner's jump, 5 ft. 1 in.

Three-Legged Race.—Moody and Weekes (E), 1st; Smith and Edwards (F), 2nd; MacClery and Spike (F), 3rd.

Recruits' Quarter Mile.—Private Hawkins (A), 1st; Private Turner (C), 2nd; Private Haines (C), 3rd.

Blindfold Race.—Private Beckley (C), 1st; Private Edwards (F), 2nd; Private Nightingale (G), 3rd.

Half-Mile Race.—Lance-Corporal Smith (G), 1st; Lance-Corporal North (G), 2nd; Bugler Holland (A), 3rd.

Long-Jump.—Private Turner (D), 1st; Sergeant Bridgewater (A), 2nd; Private Hall (F), 3rd. Winner's jump, 19 ft. 2½ in.

Quarter Mile Race.—Lance-Corporal Wheeler (B), 1st; Lance-Corporal Evans (D), 2nd; Lance-Corporal Smith (G), 3rd.

Sack Race.—Lance-Corporal Evans (D), 1st; Lance-Corporal Wheeler (B), 2nd; Lance-Corporal Hughes (D), 3rd.

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Relay Race (Company teams of six).—D Company, 1st; A, 2nd; B, 3rd; G, 4th.

100 *Yards Race.*—Lance-Corporal Wheeler (B), 1st; Private Butler (B), 2nd; Lance-Corporal Evans (D), 3rd.

Tug-of-War: Catch Weight.—D Company, 1st; F, 2nd; A, 3rd; H, 4th.

Tug-of-War: Light Weight.—F Company, 1st; D, 2nd; G, 3rd; A, 4th.

Bayonet Combats (Company teams of eight, under a leader).—H Company, 1st; C, 2nd; A, 3rd; F, 4th.

Boat Race.—Private Lovelace's crew (A), 1st; Private Wails' crew (Band), 2nd.

Sergeants' Race.—Sergeant Jones (C).

Clothes Race.—Private Golding (C), 1st; Private Kinder (A), 2nd; Private Butler (B), 3rd.

Sack Fighting (Company teams of six).—C Company 1st; F Company, 2nd.

Fighting on Poles.—Private Evans (D), 1st; Private Nightingale (G), 2nd; Private Jones (G), 3rd.

Old Soldiers' Race.—Private Frankum (B), 1st; Private Partridge (G), 2nd; Private Stock (H), 3rd.

Band Race.—Private Savage (H), 1st; Bn. Chantry (B), 2nd; Bn. Martin (C), 3rd.

Obstacle Race (open to the Garrison).—Lance-Corporal Evans, 3rd.

The BEST COMPANY AT ATHLETICS throughout the year was D Company, with 180 points; A Company was 2nd (124 points); and G Company was 3rd (98 points).

At the SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT TOURNAMENT, the *Bayonet Competition*, under 3 years' service, open, was won by Lance-Corporal Young, A Company; and the *Bayonet Team Competition* was won by the 52nd Regimental Team.

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WINNERS OF THE GARRISON CROSS-COUNTRY RACE.

WINNERS OF THE S.E. DISTRICT BAYONET TEAM COMPETITION.

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The GARRISON CROSS-COUNTRY RACE at Shorncliffe was won by the 52nd, who had 16 men in out of the first 32. Lance-Corporal Smith, G Company, was the first man in. The following was the order of regiments:—1st, 52nd (155 points); 2nd, 60th Rifles (231 points); 3rd, 11th Hussars (456 points); 4th, 64th North Staffordshire Regiment (465 points).

AQUATIC SPORTS.

This meeting was held on the 15th August, when the following events came off:—

Open Swimming Race (about 200 yards).—Private Nightingale (G), 1st; Private Cook (H), 2nd; Private Golding (C), 3rd.

Young Soldiers' Race (about 100 yards).—Private Webber (C), 1st; Private Clarke (A), 2nd; Private Gosling (H), 3rd.

Relay Race.—Private Purdy, Lance-Corporal Ross, Brophy, Wallace.

Boat Race (crews of two, and a cox).—Private Phillips' crew, 1st; Private Luck's crew, 2nd.

Officers v. *Sergeants* (Boat Race, 4-oared).—Won by the Officers.

BOXING.

During the year, Private G. Norton met a great many well-known Service and civilian boxers, with the following results:—He beat Private Roden, North Stafford Regiment (6 rounds), Private Power, Leicester Regiment (3 rounds), Private Freestone, Fusiliers (3 rounds), Private Woods, Leicester Regiment (1 round). Fought Private Polly, 11th Hussars, for the *Featherweight Championship* of Shorncliffe, and knocked him out in the 4th round. Drew with Private Bell, 11th Hussars (6 rounds); knocked out Jock Edwards, Leicester

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Regiment, in the 3rd round; lost on points to Private Bell, 11th Hussars (6 rounds); beat Rifleman McMahon, K.R.R. (4th round), and Darkie Gill (6 rounds). Lost on points to J. Walton, of Folkestone (6 rounds). Knocked out Mark Carpenter, of Banbury (5th round). Beat Bill Currell, of London (6 rounds), and Private Roden, North Stafford Regiment (6 rounds). Knocked out Private Coop, 9th Lancers (3 rounds), and subsequently beat him (8 rounds, on points). Beat Private Roden, North Stafford Regiment (6 rounds, on points). Beat Seaman Nixon on a foul (2 rounds). In the *Army and Navy Boxing Championship*, 1911, knocked out Corporal Hart, Gloucester Regiment (1 round); beat Stoker Jacobs, H.M.S. *St. Vincent* (3 rounds); lost on points to Driver Windebank, A.S.C., winner of the *Featherweight Championship* (3 rounds); lost on points to Private Bell, 11th Hussars (10 rounds). Beat Wally Davis, of Aldershot, Boxing Instructor to the Hampshire Regiment (10 rounds).

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2ND BATTALION.

52nd Light Infantry v. *64th North Staffordshire Regt.*

Played at Shorncliffe, 11th May.

52ND LIGHT INFANTRY.

	Runs.
Sergt. Field, b. Gordon	6
Capt. Wood, b. Harrett	1
Sergt. Grant, hit wkt., b. Harrett	17
Lieut. Bourke, b. Robertson	0
Lieut. Brett, & Wyatt, b. Robertson	21
Lieut. Hunter (attd.), b. Robertson	1
Pte. Neil, l.b.w., b. Harrett	5
Sergt. Martin, c. Harrett, b. Robertson	2
Lieut. Carfrae, c. and b. Maden	1
L.-Corp. Thorne, b. Robertson	0
Lieut. Evelegh, not out	0
Total	54

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.

	Runs.
Capt. Andrus, c. and b. Hunter	27
Capt. Locker, c. Thorne, b. Hunter	20
Lieut. Anderson, c. Wood, b. Hunter	1
Capt. Wyatt, c. and b. Bourke	20
Lieut. Gordon, c. Neil, b. Hunter	0
Lieut. Royle, not out	2
Capt. Koebel, b. Field	0
Lieut. Robertson, b. Grant	30
Lieut. Meates, b. Field	1
Pte. Harrett, b. Field	0
Pte. Maden, c. Martin, b. Brett	23
Extras	8
Total	132

52nd Light Infantry v. *23rd Brigade R.F.A.*

Played at Shorncliffe, 19th May.

23RD BRIGADE R.F.A.

	Runs.
Major Robertson, c. Wood, b. Field	0
Lieut. Smith, c. Barnes, b. Wood	39
Gunner Evans, l.b.w., b. Field	1
Lieut. Ferguson, b. Grant	8
Serg.-Maj. Collison, b. Wood	1
Lieut. Rhodes, c. (sub.), b. Foljambe	16
Gunner Bell, c. Martin, b. Wood	3
Gunner Hubbard, b. Grant	4
Gunner Hurst, c. Baines, b. Foljambe	19
Gunner Bateman, b. Bourke	23
Lieut. Mundy, not out	4
Extras	8
Total	126

52ND LIGHT INFANTRY.

	Runs.
Capt. Hon. G. Foljambe, st. Evans, b. Rhodes	48
Capt. Wood, b. Hurst	8
Sergt. Grant, c. Bateman, b. Rhodes	0
Lieut. Bourke, c. Bateman, b. Rhodes	51
Sergt. Field, b. Rhodes	9
Lieut. Brett, l.b.w., b. Robertson	9
Lieut. Baines, b. Robertson	0
Pte. Neil, b. Robertson	11
Sergt. Martin, not out	17
Lieut. Carfrae, st. Evans, b. Robertson	7
L. C. Thorne, st. Evans, b. Robertson	2
Extras	7
Total	169

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52*nd Light Infantry* v. 11*th Hussars.*

Played at Shorncliffe, 26th May.

52ND LIGHT INFANTRY.

	Runs.
Capt. Hon. G. Foljambe, c. and b. Rawlings	99
Sergt. Grant, run out	45
Lieut. Carfrae, hit wkt., b. Honeybone	0
Lieut. Bourke, c. Barrett, b. Honeybone	1
Sergt. Field, b. Rawlings	0
Sergt. Martin, b. Woodhams	0
Lieut. Brett, b. Marshall	13
Lieut. Baines, b. Marshall	5
L.-Corp. Lee, not out	43
Pte Neil, c. Anderson, b. Woodhams	1
L.-Corp. Thorne, c. Austin, b. Woodhams	4
Extras	7
Total	218

11TH HUSSARS.

	Runs.
Lieut. Marshall, c. Thorne, b. Grant	4
Corp. Hawkes, b. Grant	4
Major Anderson, b. Lee	27
Sergt. Brittan, b. Grant	15
Capt. Sutton, b. Grant	13
Pte. Woodhams, b. Grant	8
Pte. Rawlings, c. Field, b. Grant	3
Pte. Barrett, b. Grant	7
Pte. Austin, not out	6
Pte. Honeybone, c. Lee, b. Field	1
Pte. Grimwood, b. Grant	1
Extras	4
Total	93

Sergt. Grant took 8 wickets for 47 runs.

52*nd Light Infantry* v. 60*th Rifles.*

Played at Shorncliffe, 30th May.

52ND LIGHT INFANTRY.

	Runs.
Capt. Hon. G. Foljambe, c. and b. Kent	83
Capt. Wood, b. Kent	20
Lieut. Bourke, c. Lee, b. Blake	40
Lieut. Carfrae, b. Willian	9
Lieut. Holt, not out	6
L.-Corp. Lee, not out	10
Lieut. Baines, Sergt. Field, Lieut. Brett, L.-Corp. Thorne, A. N. Other — did not bat.	
Extras	32
Total	* 200

* Innings declared closed.

60TH RIFLES.

	Runs.
Major Hordern, c. Holt, b. Wood	10
Lieut. Lee, b. Wood	42
Rifleman Kent, c. Foljambe, b. Wood	0
Lieut. Hon. E. Upton, b. Wood	3
Rifleman Willian, b. Lee	1
Rifleman Stone, b. Wood	4
Corp. Bloomfield, c. Holt, b. Wood	7
Capt. Rennie, c. Holt, b. Lee	13
L.-Sergt. Clements, c. Bourke, b. Field	11
Capt. Leith, not out	0
Lieut. Blake, absent	0
Extras	13
Total	104

Capt. Wood took 6 wickets for 35 runs.

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Officers v. *Sergeants*, 52*nd Light Infantry.*

Played at Shorncliffe, 12*th June.*

OFFICERS.

	Runs.
Capt. Keyworth, b. Godden	8
Capt. Wood, c. Whitton, b. Aries	54
Major Eden, c. Martin, b. Saunders	10
Lieut. Holt, c. Gregory, b. Aries	6
Lieut. Bourke, c. Hewitt, b. Gregory	30
Lieut. Brett, c. Gregory, b. Godden	44
Capt. Ponsonby, c. Gregory, b. Aries	42
Lieut. Carfrae, c. and b. Field	13
Lieut. Baines, not out	0
Lieut. Scott, Lieut. Southey } did not bat.	
Extras	6
Total	* 213

* Innings declared closed.

SERGEANTS.

	Runs.
Sergt. Field, c. and b. Ponsonby	33
Sergt. Saunders, b. Wood	13
C.-Sergt. Gregory, b. Ponsonby	19
Q.-M.-S. Aries, c. Wood, b. Bourke	19
Sergt. Martin, c. Wood, b. Bourke	40
C.-Sergt. Warnock, b. Ponsonby	24
C.-Sergt. Godden, c. Wood, b. Ponsonby	19
Sergt. Whitton, c. Wood, b. Bourke	4
Sergt. Williams, b. Ponsonby	0
Sergt. Tidy, b. Ponsonby	10
Sergt. Hewitt, not out	10
Extras	20
Total	211

Capt. Ponsonby took 6 wickets for 45 runs.

52*nd Light Infantry* v. 64*th N. Staffordshire Regt.*

Played at Shorncliffe, 13*th June.*

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.

	Run
Capt. Andrus, b. Lee	7
Lieut. Robertson, b. Grant	8
Lieut. Anderson, c. and b. Lee	1
Capt. Locker, c. Wood, b. Grant	81
Lieut. Royle, b. Ponsonby	18
Pte. Harrett, b. Wood	0
Capt. Koebel, b. Lee	6
Lieut. Gordon, b. Grant	17
Lieut. Vavasour, not out	13
Pte. Marden, c. Grant, b. Burke	10
Pte. Hill, c. Grant, b. Bourke	0
Extras	9
Total	170

52ND LIGHT INFANTRY.

	Runs.
Capt. Hon. G. Foljambe, c. Koebel, b. Hill	77
Sergt. Grant, c. Koebel, b. Marden	47
Lieut. Bourke, c. Koebel, b. Gordon	17
Lieut. Holt, not out	52
L.-Corp. Lee, c. Andrus, b. Locker	9
Capt. Wood, c. Locker, b. Robertson	3
Capt. Ponsonby, b. Locker	2
C.-Sergt. Field, not out	7
Sergt. Martin, L.-Corp. Thorne, Lieut. Brett } did not bat.	
Extras	20
Total	234

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52nd Light Infantry v. A Team picked from 11th Hussars and 64th North Staffordshire Regiment.

Played at Shorncliffe, 4th July.

52ND LIGHT INFANTRY.

	Runs.
Sergt. Field, c. Brittan, b. Woodhams	1
Capt. Wood, b. Brittan	42
Capt. Ponsonby, c. Marshall, b. Brittan	12
Sergt. Martin, b. Brittan	86
Lieut. Baines, st., b. Rome	4
L.-Corp. Lee, b. Brittan	2
Lieut. Brett, st., b. Rome	1
Lieut. Holt, b. Woodhams	9
Pte. Neil, st., b. Rome	14
Lieut. Pope (attd.), b. Sutton	38
L.-Corp. Thorne, not out	1
Extras	11
Total	221

11TH HUSSARS AND NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.

	Runs.
Lieut. Marshall, c. Pope, b. Field	19
Major Anderson, b. Field	18
Lieut. Gordon, b. Field	20
Capt. Sutton, b. Wood	1
Capt. Rome, b. Wood	17
Sergt. Brittan, c. Baines, b. Field	2
Lieut. Vavasour, c. and b. Field	2
Lieut. Havelock, c. Brett, b. Wood	0
Lieut. Morgan, b. Wood	2
Sergt. Millward, b. Wood	0
Corp. Woodhams, not out	0
Extras	13
Total	94

Officers v. Sergeants, 52nd Light Infantry.

Played at Shorncliffe, 13th July.

OFFICERS.

	Runs.
Capt. Hon. G. Foljambe, not out	127
Capt. Wood, b. Field	2
Lieut. Pope (attd.), c. Grant, b. Field	2
Lieut. Baines, ht. wkt., b. Grant	8
Lieut. Brett, b. Grant	2
Capt. Ponsonby, l.b.w., b. Field	2
Lieut. Holt, c. Grant, b. Saunders	35
Lieut. Carfrae, b. Field	2
Capt. Eden, b. Martin	0
Lieut. Scott, b. Grant	7
Lieut. Owen, c. Grant, b. Field	2
Extras	29
Total	218

SERGEANTS.

	Runs.
Sergt. Grant, not out	145
Sergt. Saunders, run out	7
Sergt. Hewitt, b. Foljambe	0
Sergt. Martin, b. Wood	51
C.-Sergt. Field, b. Baines	11
C.-Sergt. Gregory, run out	0
C.-Sergt. Warnock, b. Baines	0
C.-Sergt. Godden, c. Brett, b. Baines	0
Sergt. Williams Sergt. Johnson Sergt. Beare } did not bat.	
Extras	10
Total	224

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52*nd Light Infantry* v. 60*th Rifles.*

(*Each side batting for two hours.*)

52ND LIGHT INFANTRY.

	Runs.
Capt. Hon. G. Foljambe, c. Wynne Finch, b. Harker	8
Sergt. Grant, b. Foljambe	72
Lieut. Bourke, b. Blake	52
Capt. Ponsonby, b. Foljambe	26
Capt. Wood, c. Foljambe, b. Harker	11
Sergt. Martin, c. Harker, b. Blake	10
L.-Corp. Lee, not out	9
Lieut. Carfrae, C.-Sergt. Field, Lieut. Baines, L.-Corp. Thorne } did not bat.	
Extras	18
Total	* 206

* Innings declared closed.

60TH RIFLES.

	Runs.
Lieut. Blake, c. Field, b. Lee	121
Lieut. Wynne Finch, c. Thorne, b. Lee	0
Lieut. Barber, c. Grant, b. Ponsonby	42
Lieut. Lee, c. Carfrae, b. Foljambe	14
Capt. Harker, c. Bourke, b. Foljambe	0
Lieut. Foljambe, c. Grant, b. Bourke	1
Lieut. Campbell, c. Ponsonby, b. Foljambe	0
Capt. Crichton, c. Field, b. Lee	8
Capt. Rennie, not out	4
Lieut. Mitchell, not out	4
Rifleman Waite, did not bat.	
Extras	15
Total	209

52*nd Light Infantry* v. *Mr. A. Cornwallis's Eleven.*

Played at Linton Park, Maidstone, 1st August.

MR. A. CORNWALLIS'S XI.

	Runs.
Mr. W. S. Cornwallis, b. Field	2
Mr. G. Hatch, c. and b. Grant	122
Mr. A. Hills, b. Field	5
Mr. Railston, b. Field	0
Mr. R. H. Durand, b. Lee	0
Hon. R. Alexander, b. Field	4
Mr. O. W. Cornwallis, b. Grant	3
Mr. C. Wycherly, c. Field, b. Ponsonby	16
Mr. A. W. Cornwallis, b. Wood	0
Mr. A. Cope, b. Field	15
Mr. F. S. W. Cornwallis, not out	21
Extras	5
Total	193

52ND LIGHT INFANTRY.

	Runs.
Capt. Hon. G. Foljambe, b. W. S. Cornwallis	61
Sergt. Grant, b. W. S. Cornwallis	20
Lieut. Bourke, b. Cope	19
Capt. Weatherby, c. Wycherly, b. W. S. Cornwallis	19
Capt. Ponsonby, c. W. S. Cornwallis, b. O. W. Cornwallis	29
Capt. Frith, b. Cope	0
Capt. Wood, c. Hatch, b. Alexander	20
Lieut. Carfrae, c. Hill, b. Alexander	5
L.-Corp. Lee, b. W. S. Cornwallis	0
Lieut. Baines, c. O. W. Cornwallis, b. W. S. Cornwallis	4
C.-Sergt. Field, not out	5
Extras	23
Total	205

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52nd Light Infantry v. 23rd Brigade R.F.A.

Played at Shorncliffe, 18th August.

23RD BRIGADE R.F.A.

	Runs.
Lieut. Smith, c. Foljambe, b. Field	0
Lieut. Fergusson, c. Foljambe, b. Field	7
Major Robertson, b. Lee	11
Capt. Fisher, c. Thorne, b. Field	0
Lieut. Anderson, not out	5
Gunner Vincent, c. Wood, b. Field	0
Capt. Belgrave, c. Baines, b. Field	4
Lieut. Rhodes, b. Lee	9
Corp. Hurst, run out	16
Corp. Preston, c. and b. Field	0
Gunner Evans, b. Field	4
Extras	7
Total	63

52ND LIGHT INFANTRY.

	Runs.
Capt. Ponsonby, st. Evans, b. Fergusson	35
Capt. Hon. G. Foljambe, c. Vincent, b. Rhodes	26
Lieut. Bourke, c. and b. Fergusson	0
Capt. Wood, st. Evans, b. Rhodes	2
Sergt. Martin, c. Vincent, b. Rhodes	10
Lieut. Baines, not out	19
Lieut. Owen, b. Fergusson	0
L.-Corp. Lee, c. Anderson, b. Rhodes	6
C.-Sergt. Field, run out	11
Pte. Neil, c. Belgrave, b. Rhodes	7
L.-Corp. Thorne, run out	0
Extras	7
Total	123

52nd Light Infantry v. 64th North Staffordshire Regt.

Played at Shorncliffe, 5th September.

52ND LIGHT INFANTRY.

	Runs.
Capt. Hon. G. Foljambe, b. Harrett	1
Sergt. Grant, c. Harrett, b. Bunn	72
Capt. Ponsonby, b. Mills	38
Capt. Wood, b. Mills	7
Lieut. Holt, b. Harrett	5
Sergt. Martin, b. Harrett	19
Lieut. Baines, b. Harrett	1
C.-Sergt. Field, c. and b. Bunn	26
Corp. Lee, b. Harrett	9
Pte. Neil, b. Harrett	17
Corp. Thorne, not out	15
Extras	10
Total	220

64TH NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.

	Runs.
Capt. Locker, c. and b. Lee	9
Lieut. Anderson, c. Lee, b. Field	0
Pte. Harrett, b. Field	16
Capt. Wyatt, c. Thorne, b. Field	86
Lieut. Vavasour, b. Field	9
Pte. Maden, b. Wood	20
Lieut. Gordon, c. Thorne, b. Field	14
Lieut. Havelock, c. Neil, b. Lee	5
Lieut. Robertson, b. Lee	3
Pte. Mills, not out	6
Pte. Bunn, b. Field	4
Extras	15
Total	187

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52*nd Light Infantry* v. 23*rd Brigade R.F.A.*

(*Each side batting for* 45 *minutes.*)

Played at Shorncliffe, 15*th September.*

52ND LIGHT INFANTRY.

	Runs.
Capt. Sullivan, b. Fergusson	12
Capt. Wood, b. Belgrave	8
Lieut. Bourke, b. Belgrave	1
Capt. Ponsonby, b. Belgrave	36
Lieut. Holt, b. Fergusson	2
Lieut. Brett, c. Chamier, b. Fergusson	2
Lieut. Baines, run out	2
Lieut. Worthington, c. Fergusson, b. Belgrave	4
Lieut. Owen, not out	16
Major Eden, b. Belgrave	4
Lieut. Carfrae, not out	4
Extras	20
Total	111

23RD BRIGADE R.F.A.

	Runs.
Lieut. Fergusson, b. Bourke	49
Lieut. Anderson, b. Bourke	7
Major Robertson, run out	1
Capt. Fisher, c. Holt, b. Bourke	3
Lieut. Rhodes, b. Bourke	4
Capt. Chamier, l.b.w., b. Wood	0
Capt. Belgrave, c. Brett, b. Bourke	16
Lieut. Smith, not out	17
Lieut. Hill, b. Bourke	1
Colonel Johnstone, b. Bourke	9
Major Hext, not out	2
Extras	4
Total	113

THE DEPÔT.

Matches played, 22; won, 12; lost, 5; drawn, 5.

Team.—Lieut. B. C. Parr, Lieut. J. L. Portal, Col.-Sergt. Ayres, Col.-Sergt. Dwight, Sergt.-Bugler Muddle, Corp. Stevens, Corp. Murphy, L.-Corp. Grant, L.-Corp. King, Bugler Mills, Private Walker.

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FOOTBALL, 1911.

1st Battalion.

Owing to the fact that three companies are always on detachment, it is very difficult to keep a Regimental team together at Wellington; and, with the exception of Madras, tournament centres in Southern and Western India are so far off that both time and money make the journeys to them prohibitive.

However, in February, the Regimental team entered for the Madras Gymkhana Association Tournament, and went down to Madras at the beginning of that month. In the first round we played the Madras Volunteer Guards, and defeated them fairly easily by 3 goals to *nil*. In the semi-finals our opponents were the 2nd Dorsetshire Regiment. The 43rd started off with great dash, and scored two goals in the first twenty minutes—one by Cheshire, after a scuffle in front of goal, and the other by Smith, at outside right, with an excellent shot. After half-time, the Dorsets had rather the better of the game, though the 43rd scored again through Ford, from a splendid centre by Smith. Within ten minutes of the end of the game the Dorsets scored twice, leaving the 43rd winners by 3 goals to 2.

In the final, after a very good game, the 43rd were beaten by the 2nd Leicestershire Regiment by 2 goals to *nil*. In this match the Regimental team missed the services of Cheshire, who unfortunately had been injured in the semi-final match. Dixon played in his place.

Regimental Team: Private Paplett (*goal*); Privates Johnson and Hall (*backs*); Private Thompson, Lance-Sergeant Arlett, and Private Turner (*half-backs*); Lance-Corporal Hudson, and Privates Smith, Cheshire, Ford, and Kirby (*forwards*).

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Inter-Company Tournament.

The tournament for the Football Challenge Shield was played on the Gymkhana Ground at Wellington, commencing on the 6th November. All the companies entered teams, with the result that the tournament was one of the best that we have had for some years. Throughout the week keen interest was taken in the games, several of which were very exciting, the first game of all, between A Company and E Company, which ended in a draw, being an excellent one all through.

First Round.

E Company beat A Company by 2 goals to 1 on the replay, the first game being a draw after playing extra time.

D Company beat B Company by 3 goals to *nil*. C Company beat G Company. The first game resulted in a draw (2 goals all), and on playing extra time each side scored a third goal. In the replay the result was another draw (1 goal all); but in the extra time C Company won by scoring a goal from a penalty kick.

F Company beat H Company by 4 goals to 2. In this match H Company scored their two goals in the first half. On changing over F Company scored. Then play was equal until within a quarter of an hour of time, when F Company made some fine rushes down the field, scoring three times in rapid succession.

Semi-Finals.

E Company beat D Company by 1 goal to *nil*, the score being early in the game. D Company defended well, and the match was an exciting one.

C Company beat F Company, after a very good game, which in the first instance resulted in a draw (no score), although F Company pressed strongly at the beginning

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of the game. On playing extra time, C Company scored a goal after a good piece of forward play.

Final.

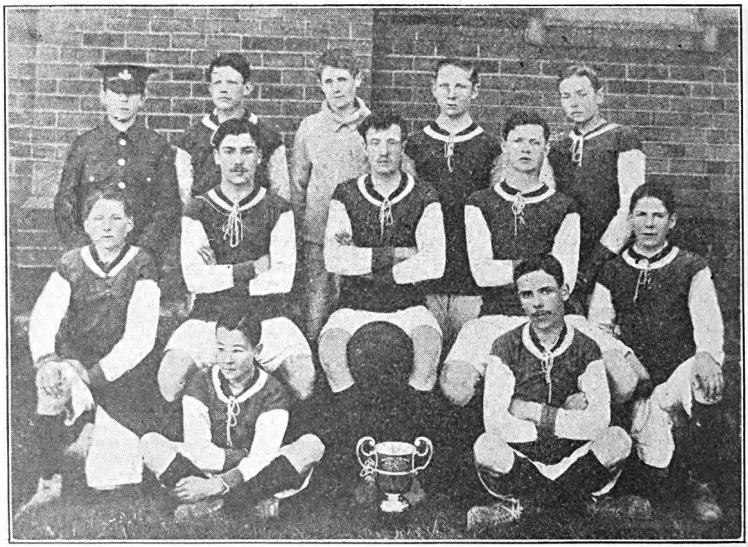
E Company beat C Company by 1 goal to *nil*.

Play was rather wild throughout this game. E Company pressed at first, and Waters scored for them after a forward rush. Towards the end of the first-half, C Company had the best of the game, but had very bad luck, two shots just missing the goal by hitting the side post and cross-bar. The second half of the game was a series of long kicks and wild heading of the ball, neither side making any definite attempts at scoring.

The Depôt.

Matches played, 25; won, 17; lost, 4; drawn, 4.

Football Team:—Lance-Corporals Prior, Evans, Allsworth, Grant, Pocock, Privates Edwards, Guyett, Nightingale, Nunn, Carr, and Vaughan.



Boys' Football Team, 2nd Battalion, 1909–10.

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HOCKEY, 1911.

1st Battalion.

At Wellington, hockey is played on the Barrack Square, which makes a very fast ground, although it is rather inclined to foster the habit of hard-hitting in preference to frequent passing and dribbling.

The tournament for the Inter-Company Hockey Shield commenced on June 5th, and all the companies on detachment sent up teams. The result of the first round was as follows: F Company beat B Company (1–0); A beat H (4–0); G beat E (1–0); C beat D (2–1). In the semi-finals, F Company played A Company and beat them by 2 goals to 1; while C Company were beaten by G Company by 1 goal scored in the first half, the latter part of the game being spoilt by heavy rain. In the final match, F Company pressed continuously in G Company's goal circle, but failed to score, the latter's defence proving very sound, and G Company's backs clearing the ball well. Full time was played without any score on either side. An extra ten minutes each way was then played, in the first half of which G Company scored, and in the latter half F Company scored twice in rapid succession, winning the shield with an exciting finish by 2 goals to 1.

As soon as this tournament was finished, the best players of the company teams went into hard training for the Madras Cricket Club Hockey Tournament, which began on July 5th. As Wellington could not produce any other strong teams with which to play practice games, the regimental team went down to Madras a

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week before the tournament began, and were able to get two or three games.

In the first round the 43rd were drawn against the 2nd Q. O. Cameron Highlanders, and after a very good game won by 3 goals to 1. The following account appeared in the *Madras Mail* :—

OXFORD AND BUCKS LIGHT INFANTRY *v.* CAMERON HIGHLANDERS.

From the outset play was interesting, though it was soon evident that the Oxford men possessed superior combination and were quicker on the ball. The Highlanders played a very plucky game, but their forwards were slow and their shooting very often erratic.

From the bully-off the Camerons broke away, but were very soon held up. The Oxfords then attacked, and Bowden, after a splendid run, shot at goal. This was stopped, but the Oxfords continued to press and for some time the goal was in danger. Eventually, the Camerons cleared and their forwards breaking away forced a corner. A scrimmage ensued, but the invaders got no opportunity of shooting, and Davenport at last got the ball away. For a time play continued in mid field, but Dickens got away and the Highlanders' goal was again threatened. McFarlane effected some wonderful saves, but eventually he had to concede a corner. Dickens centred well, but Bowden missed the shot. After this, there was a momentary lull in the game, and the Oxfords then once more assumed the aggressive. Brooker, after a fine sprint, passed to Longhurst, and the latter, evading the backs, cleverly netted the ball. From the re-start the Highlanders went down, carrying all before them, but their efforts to equalise were frustrated by Davenport, who again and again, in the course of the afternoon, proved himself a very safe back. The Highlanders, however, renewed their efforts and Docherty and Campbell had several shots at goal. Casban saved wonderfully, but Campbell eventually found the net with a terrific shot and thus equalised matters. From the bully-off the Highlanders again assumed the aggressive and obtained a corner. For a time the Oxfords were hard pressed, but Davenport set his team moving, and, after some very exciting play, they forced a series of corners. The Highlanders' goal was now in a close state of siege, but Campbell broke through, and, after a splendid run, banged in a hot shot. The custodian saved, however, and Kemball then hit out. From the throw-in the Oxfords once more secured possession, and after a fine passing run, closely invested the Highlanders' goal. A scrimmage ensued, and

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Brooker, finding an opening, netted the ball. Half-time was then called with the score :—

Oxford and Bucks L. I.	2 goals.
Cameron Highlanders	1 goal.

Play in the second half was somewhat one-sided, being largely in favour of the Oxfords. Grant, from a rather difficult angle, sent in a shot which narrowly missed the mark, and Brooker also tried to score, his shot hitting the post and going out. The Oxfords continued to press and McFarlane had his work cut out to clear his goal. Eventually, the Camerons made a counter-attack, and their forwards, going down with a rush, forced a corner. This was not converted, and a couple of minutes later they were once more compelled to fall back on their own line of defence. The Oxfords then pressed strongly, and finally, Bowden managed to put on a third goal. As it was nearing time, the Highlanders broke away and looked very much like scoring, but Casban in goal averted disaster, and play ended shortly afterwards, the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry being the winners.

Oxford and Bucks L. I.	3 goals.
Cameron Highlanders	1 goal.

Teams : —

OXFORD AND BUCKS.—*Goal*, Private Casban ; *Backs*, Lance-Corp. Kemball, Lieut. Davenport ; *Half-Backs*, Privates White, Ford, and Lane ; *Forwards*, Bugler Grant, Lance-Corporals Bowden and Brooker, Privates Longhurst and Dickens.

CAMERON HIGHLANDERS.—*Goal*, Sergeant McFarlane ; *Backs*, Privates Clarke and Cameron ; *Half-Backs*, Privates Dorward, Grant, and Broadfoot ; *Forwards*, Privates Laurie and Hamilton, Lance-Corporal McBain, Drummer Campbell, and Bandsman Docherty.

Referees, Mr. Stevenson and Sergeant Cox.

In the second round the Regiment played the 1st team of the 2nd Leicestershire Regiment, who were the favourites. This proved a most exciting and well-contested match, with good play on both sides. The forward line of the Regimental team missed one or two chances of scoring, and the Leicesters scored a goal from the outside-left, about a minute before time. The Regimental team certainly proved itself the second best in the tournament, and it was unfortunate that the

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Leicesters were drawn in the second round. In this match Private Horton took Casban's place (*goal*), and Lance-Sergeant Arlett relieved Private Longhurst; otherwise there was no change in the team which played the Cameron Highlanders. The following is the *Madras Mail's* account of the match:—

Yesterday there were again two matches in the Madras Hockey Tournament, the first team of the Leicester Regiment, who drew a bye in the first round, meeting the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, who beat the Cameron Highlanders on Monday, on the Engineering College ground, and the Leicester Regiment Wing team and the Sherwood Foresters re-playing the game of the previous day which had ended in a draw. In the latter match the Sherwood Foresters, as had been expected, proved the stronger team, but the Leicester A eleven had a strenuous battle before they were able to beat their opponents, the only point of the match being scored a few seconds before time. Rain threatened during the afternoon, but fortunately did not fall, and the heavy clouds seemed to have no effect on the number of spectators, both games being watched by crowds if anything bigger than on the two previous days.

LEICESTER A TEAM *v.* OXFORD AND BUCKS.

This match, which was played on the Engineering College ground, was watched by a crowd which thronged the ropes, a number of the more enthusiastic admirers of the local military team occupying the top of the wall between the ground and the road. The Engineering College ground is a very difficult one for hockey. It is almost as hard and smooth as a billiard table, without a vestige of grass, and is so fiery that the ball travels at a pace which makes combination impossible. It was soon clear that the Leicesters were stronger than their opponents, but, owing probably to the facts mentioned above, they were not nearly so well together as was expected, and the game consisted very largely of a series of individual rushes, mostly in favour of the Leicesters, especially in the first half. The Oxfords played up pluckily in the second period and but for the magnificent goal-keeping of Dooley would certainly have scored. A draw seemed inevitable, but the Leicesters managed to get through only just before the whistle sounded. The game which was fast all through, was followed with intense excitement by the large number of soldiers present.

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The Oxfords defended the goal nearest to the M.C.C. ground, and from the bully Whittall and Hurd got away, but were pulled up by Davenport. The ball then came down the other Leicester wing, but nothing resulted. The Oxfords failed to get the ball away, however, and a corner was forced, followed by a "short" corner. These were not taken advantage of and the Leicesters being penalised a moment later, the ball was got to the other end, Longhurst and Grant, who proved themselves a very fast and tricky pair, being beaten by Foulks before they could reach the circle. The Leicesters found their opponents' defence too good for them, Davenport in particular being in magnificent form. He seemed always where he was most wanted and never missed a hit, feeding his attacking line very cleverly. Had it not been for him the Leicesters would certainly have scored repeatedly in the first half. The Oxford right again got away, but hit too hard and the ball was returned. The tendency to pass the ball too far ahead was very noticeable, and this accounted for the failure to make any impression on the Leicester defence. Dooley was, however, called on more than once, but got the ball away without trouble. At the other end the Oxford goalkeeper was never at a loss and was ably backed up by his backs. The goal had many very narrow escapes, however, and on one occasion the ball was put through, but sticks having been given a moment before, the point did not count. Barton and Sole on the Leicester left were very quick on the ball and brought it into the circle time after time, but it was never got through and the Oxford forwards were always ready to seize every opportunity to attack on their own account. Play was fast and interesting, but nothing was done and at half-time the score sheet was blank.

Leicester Regt.	*nil.*
Oxford and Bucks.	*nil.*

From the re-commencement play was very fast, the Leicesters redoubling their efforts to score. Their left wing brought the ball into the circle, but the centre was not taken advantage of. A moment later a pass by the centre to the right wing went out before Whittall could reach it and Barlow was also unsuccessful in a brilliant individual effort. The Oxfords failed to get the ball away and a scrimmage ensued in front of their goal, the Leicesters finally being given a penalty corner, which was not improved upon. The Leicesters continued to press strongly, and twice the Oxfords were penalised in front of their goal; but nothing was scored and another pretty run by the Leicesters was stopped by off-side. The Oxfords then succeeded in breaking through and a most exciting struggle ensued in the Leicester goal. Sticks were given against the defenders, but the Oxfords failed to make use of their

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opportunities and Barton transferred. The ball was brought back immediately and Longhurst and Grant, who were ever on the move, got well within the striking circle, only to be pulled up by Foulks. Then Whittall and Hurd got clear away, and beating Davenport, threatened the Oxford goal. Horton, however, ran out, and although he was surrounded by the Leicester forwards, took the ball right up to the centre himself. The ball came back and a "carry" resulted in a short corner for the Leicesters, who, however, failed to improve upon it. The Oxfords now made the most determined efforts to score and for a couple of minutes there was every probability of success. A splendid run up the right was beaten by the back, but another followed and the ball was brought to within three or four yards of the Leicester goal, two stinging shots being sent in, which Dooley cleared in the most marvellous manner. Very few minutes were left for play, but the Leicesters opened a strong attack, and the ball going out to their left wing, Barton put it through in the last minute amid a scene of the utmost enthusiasm. The game thus ended :—

Leicester A Team	1 goal.
Oxford and Bucks	*nil.*

In the tournment for the Cordite Factory Hockey Cup, open to company teams from the Garrison of Wellington and other recognised teams, G Company reached the final, and played St. Joseph's College. Although the stronger team, G Company failed to score, and after playing extra time, were beaten by the College by 1 goal to *nil.*

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REGIMENTAL POINT-TO-POINT RACE, 1911.

THE Regimental Race, open to officers of the 43rd and 52nd Light Infantry and of the Special Reserve Battalion of the Regiment, was run, at the South Oxfordshire Point-to-Point Races, on the 16th March. The conditions were: Horses to have been the *bonâ fide* property of officers of the Regiment and regularly hunted since 1st December, 1910; to be ridden by officers of the Regiment. Winners of previous Point-to-Point Races, or under National Hunt Rules, to carry 7 lb. extra. Entrance, 10*s*. Catch-weights 12 st. 7 lb., or over.

A silver cup for officers of the Special Reserve, presented by Colonel Sir Courtenay Warner, Bart., C.B., M.P., commanding Special Reserve Battalion.

1. Captain H. R. M. Brooke-Popham's (52nd) br.m. "Diana" (Owner).

2. Captain R. R. M. Brooke's (52nd) b.g. "Only One Left" (Owner).

3. Captain R. R. M. Brooke's (52nd) bl.g. "Black Bread" (Capt. Ponsonby).

Also ran:—Major the Earl Fitzwilliam's (S.R.) "Balmy Maid" (Captain Godsal); Major Ruck-Keene's (52nd) "Dashwood" (Captain Ballard); Captain Bayley's (43rd) "Orphan" (Owner); Captain Weatherby's (52nd) "Astronomer" (Owner); Captain L. F. Scott's (52nd) "Starlight" (Owner, car. 7 lb.); Captain Dashwood's (S.R.) "Ironsides" (Owner); Lieut. B. C. Parr's (43rd) "Lord of Luna" (Owner); Lieut. J. L. Portal's

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(52nd) "Whiteboy" (Owner); and Lieut. Tatton's (S.R.) "Ugly Duckling" (Owner).

Won by two lengths; a moderate third. "Lord of Luna" finished third, but had gone on the wrong side of a flag. "Orphan" and "Whiteboy" fell, but were re-mounted. "Starlight" was pulled up. "Dashwood" broke a blood vessel, but completed the course.

At the same meeting, Captain L. F. Scott's b.m. "Cynthia" (Captain Ballard) won the South Oxfordshire Hunt Heavy-weight Cup.

Captain Ballard also rode the second in the Light-weight Cup, being beaten by half a length.

At the Point-to-Point Race Meeting held at Chawton, on the 10th March, 1911, by the officers of the Longmoor Mounted Infantry School, the *M. I. Heavy-weight Race* was won by Captain H. R. M. Brooke-Popham's b.g. "Mallow" (Owner).

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43RD POLO PONY RACING, 1911.

DEAR EDITOR,

The race for the 43rd Polo Scurry Cup was run off on Saturday, 22nd April, 1911, on the second day of the Wellington Races, under C.T.C. Rules. Result:—

Captain C. G. Higgins' b. aus. g. "Glenbee," Owner, 1.

Lieut. R. Stephens' ch. aus. g. "Exchange," Owner, 2.

Lieut. J. J. Powell's b. aus. m. "Tarcoola," Lieut. Paget, 3.

Lieut. W. G. Tolson's b. aus. m. "Zorada II.," Lieut. Mundey, 4.

"Glenbee" made all the running, and won in a canter by three lengths.

On the first day of the Wellington Races, "Glenbee" won the *Officers Plate*, a cup value Rs. 200, from a mixed field of English, Australian, and Arab ponies; and on the same day Higgins' "Baroda" (owner up) won the *Open Arab Polo Scurry* (Rs. 200) by the shortest of heads.

At the Ootacamund Meeting, a week later, Beaufort's "Dabchick" created a big surprise by carrying off the *Arab Polo Scurry* from a large field in heavy going. Beaufort's "Disguise" also won a Rs. 200 match against "Baroda"—a great reversal on the Wellington form of these two ponies. At the same meeting, in the *Waler Polo Scurry*, in a very hot class, "Glenbee," getting off badly, succumbed by a length to the Maharajah of Mysore's "Virginia"; and at the Mysore Meeting, two months later, in a field of eight,

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although he turned the tables on "Virginia," he again had to put up with a second place, as "Fish Hook" beat him by a quarter of a length. It is only fair to "Glenbee" to add that on each occasion he had good winners behind him.

It may be of interest to give here the names of the winners of the 13rd Polo Cup since it was presented to the Officers' Mess by Lieut. T. C. Miller, in 1874:—

1874, Lieut. J. S. Langlands' "The Crab."
1875, Lieut. Bourne's "Ramah."
1876, Lieut. Pritchard's "Jack Spigot."
1877, Lieut. F. H. Plowden's "Valentine."
1878, Colonel Cochrane's "The Slug."
1879, Lieut. Hanbury-Williams' "Taffy."
1905, Major Lamotte's "Jane."
1906, Lieut. Blewitt's "Benjamin."
1907, Lieut. Higgins' "Saladin."
1908, Captain Ballard's "St. Gatien."
1911, Captain Higgins' "Glenbee."

Yours sincerely,
FORTY-THIRD.

Wellington, Madras,
12th December, 1911.

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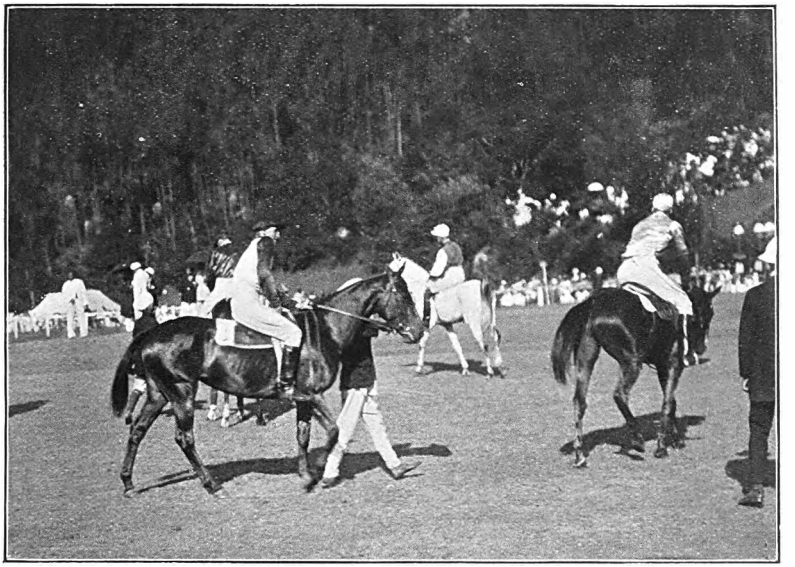

PARADE FOR THE OFFICERS' PLATE.

FINISH OF THE 43RD LIGHT INFANTRY RACE.

1ST BATTALION RACE MEETING, WELLINGTON, 1911.

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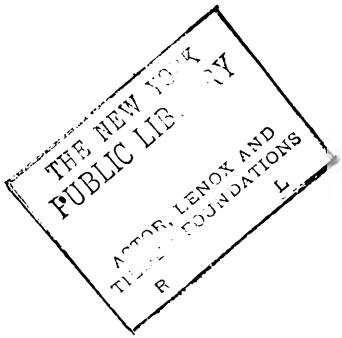

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POLO, 1911.

DEAR EDITOR,

Readers of the CHRONICLE may be interested in the polo played by the 43rd out here during the past year, so I send you this retrospect.

When we arrived at Wellington we had no ponies whatever, and we realised how handicapped regiments coming across from service in Burma are, for in Burma the 12.3 standard still holds sway, and, of course, such small ponies are useless in India. Wellington is not an ideal place for collecting a stud, Secunderabad and Bangalore being the only places in Southern India where "made ponies" are to be bought. Secunderabad is too far off to visit unless several good ponies are on offer at the same time, and consequently we were more or less restricted to Bangalore for our purchases. It took us several months to get together any respectable ponies, and then we could raise only sufficient to mount a team in a six-chukker tournament. Another obvious drawback to Regimental Polo here is the fact that we have to find three detachments to places where polo is out of the question. In Burma our detachments did not suffer in this respect, as the civilians in the stations were only too glad to get a game. Of course, buying "made ponies" is an expensive business, but we cannot help ourselves, as raw ponies would probably only just be ready to play by the time their owners found themselves warned for detachment duty.

For a hill station the ground at Wellington is a good one, being fairly level, and having a grass surface of dimensions 280 yards by 120 yards.

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Having seen the success of three-a-side tournaments at Naini Tal and Mussourie, we determined to get up a tournament on similar lines during the April race week. Prospectuses were scattered broadcast over the whole of Southern India, but the only response was from the 14th Hussars, at Bangalore, who entered two teams. The Gymkhana entered a team, and the 43rd another, so we had a tournament of four. The conditions were as follows: Teams of three; no offside; American handicap system; one goal to be deducted from the score of a team for every player who had taken part in a first-class tournament; four chukkers of $7\frac{1}{2}$ minutes each. The Regiment offered a cup to each member of the winning team.

Under the above conditions each team of the 14th Hussars started minus 3 goals; others scratch.

The first match was between A and B teams of the 14th Hussars, and provided a good, fast game, though there was a certain amount of missing, owing to the peculiarities of the ground not being known. About a minute before final time, Colonel Stephen unfortunately fell and broke his finger, and the game stopped, B team winning by 4 to 3.

The second match was between the Regiment (1, Tolson; 2, Stephens; back, Higgins) and the Gymkhana (1, Powell, 43rd; 2, Beaufort, 43rd; back, Milward, Sherwood Foresters). This was another fast, galloping game, and the result was a surprise to most people, the Regiment winning easily by 8 to 0. The goals were got 4 by Tolson, and 2 each by Stephens and Higgins.

In the first match on the second day the 14th A team played the Gymkhana. This was a sticky game, and the 14th, much the stronger team on paper, never seemed to get properly going. The Gymkhana played a good defensive game, and the final score was 4—2 in

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favour of the 14th, but as they were handicapped minus 3 goals the Gymkhana scored a win by 2 to 1.

In the second match on the same day the Regiment faced the 14th B team, now greatly strengthened by the arrival of Astley, to take the place of Colonel Stephen. Astley is a very fine player, and one of the best in India. In this game his two forwards stood offside all through and received beautiful long passes from him, while he did all the defending by himself. The Regiment began badly—the result of faulty tactics, in going up too much and often leaving their goal undefended. The 14th took advantage of this, and had several shots, by half-time having scored 4 goals to our 0.

In the next chukker we remedied our mistake, and paid more attention to marking the forwards. Each side scored a goal.

In the last chukker we scored another goal, and effectively kept the 14th out. So the final score was, 14th, 5 goals; 43rd, 2 goals; which, after deducting the 14th's handicap, resolved itself into 2 goals all. Our goals were got by Tolson and Stephens.

The fifth match was between the 14th B team and the Gymkhana, and was a runaway affair for the 14th, who won by 9 to 2 (or 6 to 2 with the handicap off).

The last game was to have been between the Regiment and the 14th A team, but the latter were obliged to scratch, as one of their team was ill. This rather spoiled the tournament, as all scores against them had to be washed out.

The Regiment thus won, with a total of 10 goals, the 14th B team being next with 8 goals, and the Gymkhana having 2 goals to their credit. We felt that it was an unsatisfactory victory, and regretted that we could not meet the 14th A team, so as to round off the tourna-

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ment. This latter team had proved the weaker of the two teams entered by the 14th, and we had hoped to have done better against it than we had against the B team.

Our next outing was the Ootacamund Tournament, which took place a fortnight later.

This is an open four-a-side tournament of six chukkers, and I believe in the old days was an important affair. This year the 14th and ourselves entered, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that a third team—the Gymkhana—was put in the field. Polo at Ooty is practically a thing of the past, everything giving way to hunting. This is a pity, for the ground is one of the finest in India, being very level, and covered with splendid turf. One great drawback, however, is the rain, which falls almost incessantly from April to October.

The 43rd team for this tournament was composed as follows: 1, Beaufort; 2, Tolson; 3, Stephens; back, Higgins. As a team we had never even had a practice game together, so we could not hope to do much good. The weather, moreover, was vile, and the polo ground too wet to play on; consequently the tournament had to be played on the adjacent football ground.

We drew the 14th Hussars (Miller, Newburn, Nicholson, and Astley) in the first round. Gymkhana a bye.

The heavy state of the ground naturally made the game slow and sticky, and the 43rd never got going. We felt much our lack of practice, and Nos. 1 and 2 were constantly in each other's way. No one played really well, and the 43rd were on the defensive most of the time. The final score, 8—2 against us, accurately represented the play, our goals being shot by Stephens and Beaufort.

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The 14th eventually beat the Gymkhana (Featherstonhaugh, Mason, The Yuverajah, and Bunni Singh) easily by 9 to 3, and won the tournament.

The Mysore Birthday Tournament was held at Mysore in June.

We possessed only twelve ponies, the absolute minimum for a six-chukker tournament, without any spare ponies in case of accidents. We sent them on ahead, to march down the Seegur Ghât to Mysore, a distance of 90 miles, while we went round by train; and it was a great relief to us to find, on our arrival, that the ponies were at least sound, though rather fine in condition. Our team was composed of the same members who had played in the Ootacamund Tournament, but Tolson and Beaufort changed places. The latter, who had come from the Cannanore detachment to play for us, had not played polo for six weeks; and, as usual, the whole team suffered from want of practice together.

The following were the entries: 20th Deccan Horse, 34th Poona Horse, 14th Hussars, Mysore Silladar Horse, 43rd, Cameron Highlanders, and the 14th Hussars B team. The last two teams scratched, which left us in rather too select company.

In the draw we again found ourselves matched against the 14th Hussars, who played the same team as at Ooty. The ground was very heavy, and so it did not favour a fast game. From the beginning we were strongly pressed, and the defence of our goal was hard work. Occasionally we got the ball, but it was always sent back very hard by Astley, whom it was almost impossible either to pass or mark. Higgins played a good game at back, and but for him the score against us would probably have been much larger. As it was the final score was 10—2 against us. Higgins and Stephens each hit

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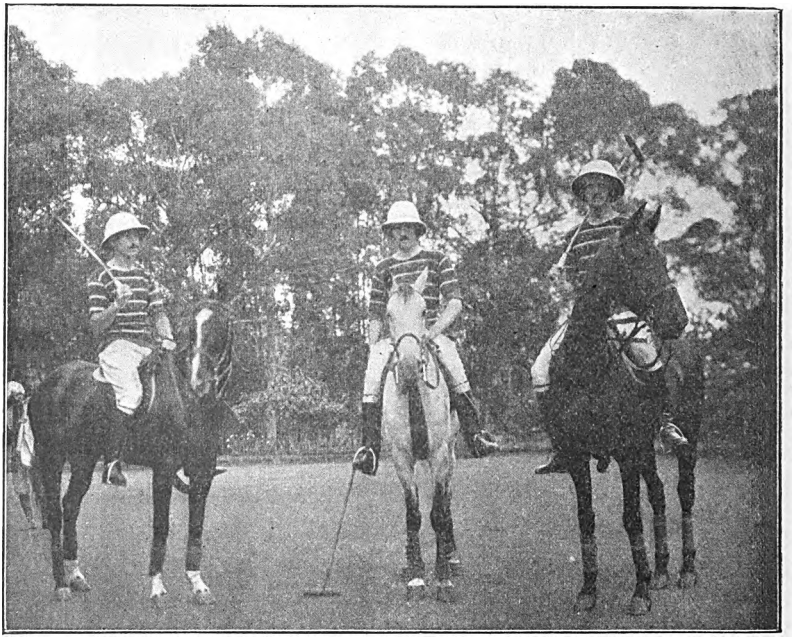
a goal for us, the former making a brilliant cross-shot from the side.

Our failure was chiefly due to lack of combination and attacking power. The latter has always been our failing, and, although we have tried everyone in turn, we do not seem to be able to turn out a good forward. Another fault on this occasion was bad stick play; for this there can be no excuse, for everyone should become as stick perfect as possible before a tournament.

Yours truly,

FORTY-THIRD.

Wellington,
18th December, 1911.



POLO TEAM, 1ST BATTALION, 1911.

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A MOTOR-CYCLE RIDE IN SOUTHERN INDIA.

By 2nd Lieutenant J. H. Courtis.

As I had entered for one or two events at the Bangalore Assault-at-Arms this August (1911), I thought I would make the journey from Wellington by road, and so test the capabilities of a motor-cycle on Indian highways and byways.

Leaving Wellington at 8.45 a.m. on Monday, 7th August, I reached Ootacamund in 27 minutes, the motor running capitally. The road between these two places winds about a good deal in following the contours of the hills, and is a climb for six miles or so, then drops down to Ooty. The gradients, however, are easy, and the corners not too sharp, hence the quick time for the first nine miles of my lengthy journey. After attending to my brakes preparatory to the descent of the ghât on the Mysore side, I made a start for the run to Bangalore—close on 190 miles. I had intended to travel by the Seegur Ghât road, since it is the more direct route, but I was warned by a chauffeur that it was rather dangerous just then, as it was going to be repaired, and there was a certain amount of loose metal lying about. Consequently I changed my plans, and went by the Gudalur road, which runs out past Pykara—a spot famous for its waterfalls and beautiful scenery, as well as a resort for fishermen, as the river has been stocked with trout by the Nilgiri Game Association.

After crossing the Downs, over which the Ooty hounds have had many a good run, I soon reached the head of the ghât, and commenced the run down to the Mysore plateau—a gradual descent of 3,000 feet in 30 miles.

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Gudalur lies at the foot of the ghât, and from that point the road became indifferent and much cut up by bullock carts. However, it is delightfully shady, although rather wild, with dense jungle on either side. Passing the Mysore frontier I found a great improvement in the road, and all the corners were marked with danger boards. H.H. the Maharajah has seen to this, as he uses the road on his frequent motor journeys between Mysore and Ooty.

I went on through Gundalpet and Nanjaugud, and when within 23 miles of Mysore City I picked up a bullock-shoe nail in my back tyre. I had been careful to provide myself with a spare inner tube, but on dismounting I was dismayed to find that it had broken adrift, so there was nothing to be done but to set to work to repair the puncture. This took me forty minutes to accomplish, and the operation was watched with immense interest by half-a-dozen natives, who seemed to spring from nowhere. For the first few miles after re-starting, I momentarily expected to feel the tyre go down, but it held up, and I was soon in Mysore, where I refilled my tank with petrol.

The nature of the country undergoes a complete change immediately north of Mysore. No longer does one see thick jungle in all directions, but one vast stretch of paddy fields covers the whole country, and recalls the scene of monotony looked upon from the train when going up country from Rangoon. Seringapatam was the next place of importance through which I passed, but much as I wanted to stop and have a look round, I could not afford the time, as I did not leave Mysore until 3.15 p.m., and still had 87 miles to run to Bangalore. The road hereabouts is built up on a *bund*, and has an excellent surface, so I was able to put on pace and make up for the time lost in repairing the puncture.

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As I ran through Closepet I was averaging quite 30 miles an hour, but on nearing Bangalore, I had continually to pull up on account of the herds of cattle which kept blocking the road, but I succeeded in reaching Bangalore by dusk, though it took me some time to find the Cameron Highlanders' Mess, which is, I believe, the same building that the 43rd occupied from 1882 to 1885. I had been ten hours and a quarter on the road, and the distance covered was 197 miles.

At Bangalore I remained for a week, and then started on my second journey, viz., to join the detachment at Malappuram. The distance from Bangalore is 256 miles, and I decided to make two days of it, if possible reaching Vayitiri, at the head of the ghât, the first night. Leaving Bangalore at 9.50 a.m, on Sunday, August 13th, I reached Mysore without incident other than the loss of my acetylene generator, which fell off en route. My troubles now began. As it was Sunday all the Mysore shops were closed, and I could obtain no petrol to replenish my tank. Next, I was getting hungry, but only after lengthy inquiries was I directed to the hotel, and then it proved to be the wrong one, and I was served with rather a curious meal. In the meantime coolies were scouring the town for petrol, but without success. At length, someone suggested that I should apply at the Maharajah's garage, and there, to my joy, I was able to obtain as much petrol as I required. It was now 4 p.m., and Vayitiri was 100 miles away. I pushed on as fast as possible towards Gundalpet, where I had to leave the Ooty road and turn due west. At first I thought of staying at the Gundalpet[1] bungalow,

[1] I discovered afterwards that I should have done better not to have left the Nilgiri road at Gundalpet, but to have continued along it as far as Gudalur. From the latter place the road runs westward, round the foot of the hills, through the Carcoor Pass, and so by Nilambur to Malappuram; and Whittall and Mundey, both of whom have been along it on their motor-cycles, vouch for its good quality.—J. H. C.

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as it was already 5.30 p.m., but I finally made up my mind to go on—and before long I had every reason to regret my decision. I had not gone more than three or four miles when I began to meet herds of cattle, and I only prevented several of the beasts from charging me by frantic shouts and hand-wavings. But a real disaster was at hand. Meeting a very large herd, I was obliged to dismount, and as I was in the act of mounting again, I tripped up and fell forward. It was a critical moment, for I knew that if I let the machine fall, it would probably be damaged beyond my repair, and I was miles from any place where repairs could be done. The engine had just started up, and I was dragged along the ground on one knee for two or three yards before I could stop it. I saved the machine, but I had got an ugly cut on my knee. However, there was only one thing to be done, and that was to go on to a travellers' bungalow, which, I had heard, was about a couple of miles farther on at a place called Maddur. There I arrived at dusk, and settled down for the night. I gave my wound a good washing, and then turned my attention to dinner, the native in charge of the bungalow having secured a chicken and curried it, though, as a matter of fact, it was so hot that I could not eat it.

Next morning, at 8.10, I was once more on my way, and I encountered the most appalling road I have ever ridden on—overgrown with grass, no vestige of metalling, and shut in on either side by dense jungle. I negotiated about five miles of it and then had a skid in some loose sand, when I discovered that a nut was missing from my front wheel spindle. Fortunately, however, I found that a nut from one of the foot-rests would fit the front hub-spindle, and so I was able to make good the loss and go on again. Crossing the frontier about twelve miles farther on, I was rejoiced to find myself

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on improved roads, and I presently reached Sultan's Battery (one of Tippco's strongholds), where I had my knee properly dressed at the Civil Hospital, and then rode on to Vayitiri. I had now run out of petrol, and I was about to fill my tank with kerosine as a last resort when I met a most excellent Roman Catholic Padré, who owned a motor-cycle, and who was kind enough to let me have some petrol. On I went, down the ghât, into the plains, very hot, and by a very bad road, which, moreover, was rendered slippery by rain, now falling, and making things most uncomfortable.

At length, at about 3 p.m., I reached Calicut, and proceeded to West Hill, where one of our detachments is stationed, and very glad was I to get a late tiffin with Henley, Mrs. Henley, and Powell, who were much surprised at my arrival, and wanted me to stay the night. I thought it best, however, to go on, as I had wired to Whittall from Vayitiri to say that I hoped to reach Malappuram that day. The latter place is 35 miles from Calicut, and the road was so good in comparison with some of the terrible ones that I had been over, that I was able to travel quite fast, and covered the distance in one hour and twenty-eight minutes. This last part of the journey was through country fairly well cultivated —chiefly with paddy—but there are large tracts of jungle which the natives apparently do not consider worth clearing and cultivating.

Taking everything into account, I think that I had reason to be pleased with both my journeys. The engine ran splendidly all through, and never faltered even up hills, and that with a weight of about fourteen stone, including my kit. It was, also, a useful experience of cross-country journeying, and fully demonstrated the reliability and the possibly further usefulness of the modern motor-bicycle in India.

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SHIKAR AT MALAPPURAM.

DEAR EDITOR,

Readers of the CHRONICLE may like to hear something about the sport which this place has given us in the way of big game shooting, so I am sending you a few notes. Foljambe's Company (E) arrived at Malappuram, from Thayetmyo, on the 3rd October, 1910; and, after our long journey and march up, perhaps we were not in the best of tempers. Anyway, our first impressions of the place were by no means favourable. But an early interview with Mongari, the Moplah shikari, locally known as "Tiger Tom," made us change our minds, and we saw visions of great things. According to him, there was plenty of sport to be had around Nilambur, about twenty-four miles away, mostly in Government forests; also, adjoining these, there were extensive jungles belonging to the Rajah of Nilambur, who was always willing to give leave to shoot, but who would not allow cattle to be tied up for tiger.

Well, we soon found that Mongari was quite right about "plenty tiger," but the difficulty was to bag them, as although we constantly sat up for them, they proved themselves to be irregular feeders. "Tiger more sense than man" was the shikari's invariable remark when the beast failed to put in an appearance, and, personally, I do not think that he was far wrong.

The first luck fell to Whittall, who succeeded in bagging a fine cub, after exercising a good deal of patience. A cow which he tied up was dragged bodily into the jungle, and he then sat up over the kill on two even-

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ings, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., but nothing came while he was there. On the third day, however, it was found that little was left of the cow—only the backbone and head; so Whittall decided to sit up the whole of that night, and tie up a live cow under his machan. At about 6 p.m., as he was reading a book, a slight noise made him look up, when he saw three tiger cubs walking quietly along, some twenty yards away. They were evidently quite unconscious of his presence, for they walked round his machan, then lay down and began to move their tails backwards and forwards. The cow remained perfectly motionless, and Whittall, in momentary expectation of seeing the tigress, sat still, and held his breath. For almost an hour he waited; then he suddenly heard a rush through the jungle, and he felt convinced that the tigress had scented danger as she was approaching the bait, and had bolted.

He now turned his attention to the cubs. He could just make out the forms of two of them about ten yards away, so he fired at the nearest, but missed it, and it disappeared. He immediately fired at the second one, and killed it. Five minutes later, the third cub came along, and Whittall wounded it, but it got away, and he never found it.

On another occasion he had better luck—in more senses than one. He and McCombe (R.A.M.C.) went out on a ten days' trip early in July, and tied up cows for tiger. On the second night, two of the cows were killed, and the business of sitting up over the kills commenced forthwith. McCombe sat up over his kill for four nights, and Whittall over his for six nights, without any success. On the afternoon of the seventh day, Whittall thought he would vary the entertainment, so decided to give himself a night off, and try to stalk some cheetul, which he had seen in the morning about five hundred

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yards from his machan. He started off, and as he was making his way to the cheetul ground, a tiger walked right across his front, at a distance of sixty yards. The beast heard him, and stopped dead, his head and hind-quarters being more or less hidden by trees; and Whittall at once gave him a shot with his 400/450 (double-barrel, Cordite), the bullet hitting the tiger behind the shoulder, but not dropping him. In an instant he turned and charged, and Whittall just had time to fire his second barrel into the brute's face, the bullet entering the skull between the eyes, and dropping him stone dead. It was a near thing, as the head of the dead tiger actually fell on to Whittall's foot.

A tiger cub was shot one night by Mundey, with the aid of electric lamps hung over the kill and the machan respectively, the lights being turned on by means of a switch tied to the rifle. The sudden illumination did not appear to alarm the animal at all, and it is a relief to know that in future one need not be dependent on the fickle light of the moon.

While on the subject of tigers, I may mention that the natives of the district had many tales of a *white* tiger, but what the beast really was we never had an opportunity of discovering.

Panthers were fairly numerous, and gave us good sport with our "bobbery pack." We brought several to bay, but, on each occasion, the panther managed to get away into the thick jungle, and we never succeeded in bagging him in this way. Mundey, however, shot one from a machan.

A fine black panther was also sighted by Foljambe.

With regard to other big game to be met with in the neighbourhood of Malappuram: Bison come down to certain parts of the country from the hills during the rains, and it is not difficult to find a herd. A solitary

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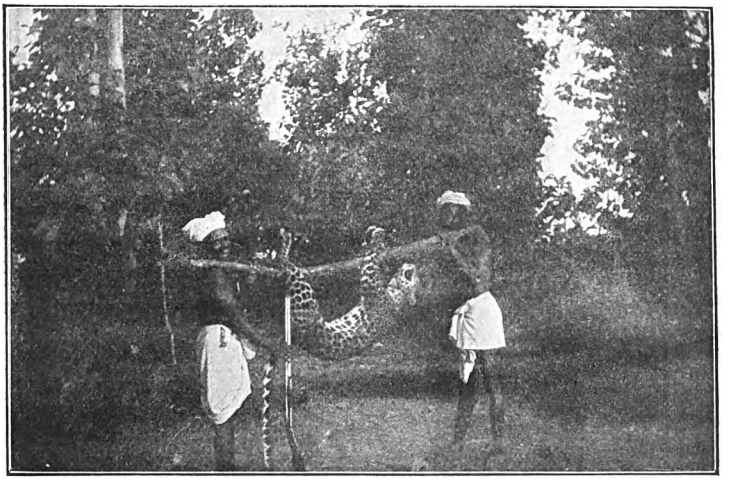
bull was shot by Mundey, the spread of the horns measuring 34 inches. Cheetul (spotted deer) are plentiful, but their heads are not good in comparison with those found in Mysore or in the Central Provinces; in fact the largest one shot during the year had horns measuring 35½ inches, and was bagged by the Forest Officer. Black bear are occasionally seen, but they are either very scarce, or they know how to conceal their whereabouts. Lastly, there are sambhur, but no herds of any size were met with.

I must not omit to mention the natives, without



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whose assistance it would be difficult to do much shooting. We always found them very keen to help, though occasionally, if they had not been previously warned, they would remove a kill, which was rather apt to upset arrangements.

It may seem strange, but it is a fact, that we are all very sorry to be leaving this place to-morrow. It cannot be considered an interesting spot to soldier in, but it

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has one great—if only one—redeeming point, viz., Shikar. Perhaps the Nilgiris will provide us with even better sport.

Yours, etc.,
DETACHED.

Malappuram,
5th October, 1911.

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43RD OFFICERS' SPORTING CLUB.

THE original Rules of the above Club were published in the CHRONICLE, 1908, page 104. The following are the Rules as they now stand:—

1. The Club will be called the 43rd Officers' Sporting Club.

2. The Committee will be formed as under:—

President: The Commanding Officer.
Members: One officer to represent Polo.
,, ,, ,, Shooting.
,, ,, ,, Pigsticking.
,, ,, ,, Cricket.

The officer representing Polo will act as Honorary Secretary to the Sporting Club.

3. The Honorary Secretary is responsible that the Committee is complete. Absence on leave over one month will necessitate a new officer being appointed to the Committee in place of the original member of the Committee who has gone on leave. All nominations to the Committee will be made by the C.O.

Nominations to the Committee will be recorded in the minute book, and the entry signed by the C.O.

4. The fund will be used as follows:—

(*a*) To pay expenses of taking ponies to tournaments.

(*b*) To pay any incidental expenses, not personal, incurred by sending a team of officers to represent the Regiment in the Sports referred to in Rule 2. (Incidental expenses

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to include entrance fees to various tournaments, etc.)

(*c*) To advance money to officers for purchase of horses or ponies for pigsticking or polo only, rifles or guns.

All horses or ponies so purchased must be passed by the Polo Committee as up to standard

(*d*) To advance money to officers going on leave who wish to organise shooting trips in India, Assam, Burma, or the East Coast of Africa.

(*e*) Excepting what is mentioned in Rule (*c*), all articles purchased from Club funds will become the property of the Sporting Club.

5. The limit of money borrowed by an officer must not exceed Rs. 900. This money will be refunded as follows:—

Rs. 400 and under, at Rs. 40 per month.
Rs. 900 and under, at Rs. 50 per month.

Any officer who is seconded, or transferred, must pay the whole of his indebtedness before he leaves the Battalion. Officers while on leave will continue to pay their monthly instalments.

6. The monthly subscription to the Sporting Club will be Rs. 8 for ordinary members, and Rs. 10 for polo players.

7. The monthly subscriptions will be paid through the Mess. The monthly refund will be paid by means of a banker's order.

8. The Honorary Secretary (Polo) will keep the accounts of the Sporting Club.

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9. No expenditure from the funds of the Sporting Club will be incurred except with the concurrence of the whole of the Committee. Any proposed purchase not catered for in the Rules must be put before a meeting of the officers. In any case in which the members of the Committee do not agree, the C.O. will decide, and his decision will be final.

10. A minute book will be kept by the Honorary Secretary, in which a detail of any expenditure will be recorded; this will be signed by the whole of the Committee.

11. A statement of the accounts of the Sporting Club will be made up monthly, signed by the Committee, put before the President, and placed on the Mess notice board. A copy of the same will be circulated to all detachments.

12. A register of all ponies bought from Club funds will be kept by the Honorary Secretary.

13. When the balance of the Sporting Club reaches Rs. 10,000, Club ponies may be purchased, provided a balance of Rs. 3,000 be left for purposes mentioned in Rule 4.

14. Any pony originally purchased with the assistance of Club funds may be used at a tournament, or preparing for a tournament, as long as it is the property of the officer who originally borrowed money for its purchase. In the event of a pony so purchased being killed or permanently damaged while preparing for or playing in a tournament, a Committee appointed by the C.O. will fix upon whom the blame is to rest, and the amount of compensation, if any, to be paid to the owner.

15. The rifles are the property of and for the exclusive use of the members of the Sporting Club.

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16. All applications for the use of a rifle must be made to the member of the Committee for Shooting.

17. When not in use, the rifles are to be kept by the Armourer-Sergeant.

18. No hire will be charged for the use of a rifle, but the following charge will be collected from each member using such, and given to the Armourer-Sergeant for the keep and cleaning of the same: Under two weeks, Rs. 2; over two weeks but under 6, Rs. 5; over six weeks but under three months, Rs. 7½.

No rifle can be borrowed for a longer period than three months.

19. On the return of a rifle to the Armourer-Sergeant, the latter will examine it, and, if there is damage or deterioration, he will assess the same. The Armourer's decision will be final, and the amount must be made good by the member who used the rifle.

20. The rifles will be borrowed in order of application. No application will be entertained over one month from date of commencement of applicant's leave. Simultaneous applications for rifles to be referred to the Committee for settlement.

21. The Committee will decide whether a member or party can take out all the rifles at one time.

22. Members of the Sporting Club must provide their own ammunition.

23. When a detachment takes a rifle, the said rifle must be examined once a quarter by the Armourer-Sergeant. If there is any charge to be made for damage or deterioration, the detachment in whose charge the rifle has been is collectively responsible for the amount assessed.

24. The Armourer will keep a book, in which will be recorded the date on which a rifle is taken out, the name

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of the officer taking it out, the date of handing it in, the result of the examination, damage or deterioration, if any, and the amount assessed to meet the same.

Passed at a Mess Meeting held at Wellington, on the 11*th day of February*, 1911.

Approved by me,

F. G. L. LAMOTTE, *Lieut.-Colonel,*
Comg. 1*st Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.*

The accounts of the Sporting Club balanced up to October, 1911, show Liabilities, *Nil;* Assets, Rs. 9,683 8a. 2p., made up as follows: Cash at Bank, Rs. 3,263 5a. 2p.; Value of riding school, Rs. 80; Value of polo pit, Rs. 70; Value of 8-bore rifle, Rs. 250; Due from officers (loans), Rs. 6,020 3a. *Balance Credit*, Rs. 9,683 8a. 2p.[1]

[1] This does not include the estimated value of two rifles (·470 and ·400), belonging to the Club, viz., Rs. 1,500.

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ON STRIKE DUTY AT HULL.

ANYONE in the officers' quarters at Moore Barracks, Shorncliffe, who happened to be awake at 2.45 a.m. on the 19th August, 1911, might have heard the footsteps of a man hurrying across the ground outside. This was the telephone orderly on his way to find the Adjutant, and to tell him that a message was coming through to the effect that the Regiment was to move at once into the "Strike Area."

At 3 a.m. orders were issued for parade at 4 o'clock, and to march to the station, there to entrain for duty at Hull.

We had already been having a disturbed month. Those who had gone on August "pass" (4th–12th), or the latter part of it (9th–12th) were rudely disturbed by a telegram received, on the night of the 10th–11th, ordering them to rejoin at once. Accordingly, all officers and men (excepting a few in distant parts of England and Ireland) were back in barracks during the 11th August. This recall was on account of the London Dock Strikes; but, on that same night a settlement was arrived at, and a certain proportion of officers and men were again granted leave from the 12th to the 16th. On the afternoon of Monday, the 14th, all these were once more ordered to rejoin at once, as a general strike had taken place on all the English railways, except the London and South Western. We were ordered to be ready to move at six hours' notice. Dress, marching order, with helmets in lieu of caps; each man to carry a blanket and a waterproof sheet, 100 rounds of ball ammunition, and 3 days' preserved rations. Officers were

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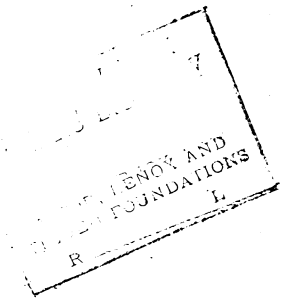

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restricted to 38-lb. kits, the men to 4-lb. (consisting of a suit of canvas and a pair of shoes). The only transport to be taken was one G.S. wagon, conveying rations, signalling gear, and officers' kits.

These orders still held good when we made a start on the morning of the 19th August. The Quartermaster of the 60th went on ahead of us to make arrangements, but our train was delayed an hour, owing to the absence of the engine, and we did not get away until 6.30 a.m.

On nearing London we were taken, viâ Ludgate Hill, to King's Cross, on to the G.N.R. system, and left this terminus at 10.15. At 12 noon we reached Peterborough, where a cup of tea and a pat of fresh butter were served out to the men, and the officers provided with luncheon baskets. Everything seemed pretty normal at this station, and the officials seemed proud of the way in which their people had so far refused to join in the strike. At Doncaster, however, which we reached at 2.45 p.m., we found a very different state of affairs; very few officials were visible, and numbers of engines were lying up in the sheds "on strike."

Here the N.E.R. system commences, and the G.N.R. officials seemed somewhat doubtful about obtaining an engine to take us on. However, at 3.20 p.m. we were off again, and very slowly and cautiously we proceeded on our way to Selby. Thence to Hull we moved more rapidly, as apparently we had four lines to ourselves, and at 5.15 p.m. we reached our destination.

The Chief Constable of Hull met us at the station, and as soon as we had detrained, a couple of policemen showed us the way to the quarters which had been allotted to us. We were given the 4th East Yorkshire Drill Hall and adjoining field, while the 60th was accommodated in the Drill Hall of the local Territorial Artillery. It took us about ten minutes to march to

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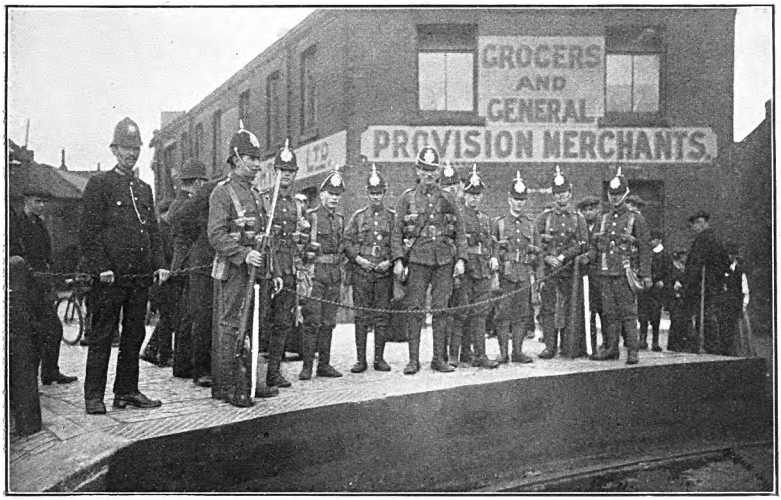

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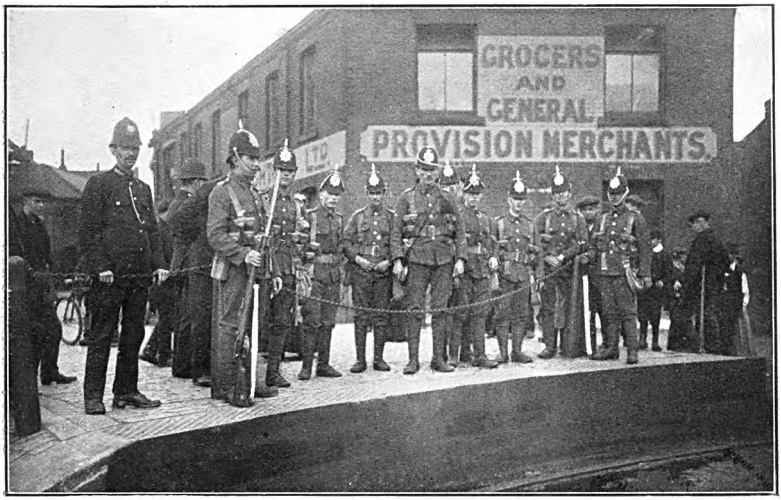

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twice daily at the Town Hall, where the Mayor and Corporation and the City Justices deliberated in council over their "Defence" methods. It appeared that the dockers of Hull might think fit to come out on strike out of sympathy with the railway men; but so long as they remained at work, it was necessary to provide them with vessels to load and unload. Ingress and egress of the docks is made, at each high-water, by means of lock-gates, which it is the duty of railway employees to work. The regular men for this duty were on strike, but their places were taken by clerks and draughtsmen of the railway company. To afford protection to these men from assaults and intimidation became henceforward the chief duty of the troops.

On Monday morning, Eden, with half G Company, relieved Wood's detachment at Hessle, and remained there for 24 hours, when half a company of the 60th took over the place. Everything was quite quiet at Hessle, though three of the station porters were persuaded to strike by an "agitator," who promised them a rise of three shillings a week and an 8-hours instead of a 10-hours day. Their places was taken by two clerks; and the only other man who seemed likely to give trouble was the signalman at the station box. He was to come on duty in the ordinary course at 10 p.m., and at 9.30 he had not decided whether to strike or not. In the end, however, he resolved to remain loyal.

On Monday afternoon all the companies except F and G were distributed in single piquets in the Alexandra, Victoria, and St. Andrew's Docks, with quarters in various odd places, such as sheds full of compressed forage or full of fish, one company living quite comfortably among the coal and engines in the locomotive sheds of the Hull and Barnsley Railway (while protecting the pumping-station).

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Each morning a wagon, under escort of half a company, rejoicing at being able to get a little exercise, went the rounds, and distributed rations, letters, and sundry canteen goods, to the various companies.

On Wednesday, it seemed as if the N.E.R. people would not remain out much longer; and, that night, the employees held a final mass meeting, at which they agreed to accept the company's terms, although they were not in all respects similar to those of the big London conference. Thus the strike ended, and at midnight work was resumed nearly everywhere. It is curious to note that although the N.E.R. is the only company which has recognised the men's trades unions, it has, during the past two years, had to deal with more strikes than has any other railway company.

In the course of Thursday morning all the companies of the Regiment returned to headquarters; and on Friday morning our legs were given a welcome stretch by taking a two hours' route march by half battalions. At 11 a.m. we learned that the "Defence Committee" had notified that they were pleased to dispense with the further services of the troops, at the same time conveying to both Commanding Officers their appreciation of the timely assistance rendered by the Regiments.

We were the first Regiment to leave Hull, and were due to start at 7 p.m., but the N.E.R. officials were not experts at marshalling troop trains, and we considered ourselves fortunate in getting off at 7.30. At 5.45 a.m. on Saturday, 26th August, we reached Shorncliffe, and our week's outing came to an end.

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SEND-OFF TO THE CHESTNUT TROOP.

DEAR EDITOR,

I think that readers of the CHRONICLE will be interested to hear that the 52nd this year have had the pleasure of meeting once again their old Light Division comrades, A Battery (the Chestnut Troop), Royal Horse Artillery—to give it its official title. If the Regiment had come here, as originally intended, in August (for its summer training in the 4th Division), we should have been able to have seen a good deal of the Troop. As events turned out, on our arrival at Aldershot on the 29th September we found that our friends were under orders for South Africa, and that as many as possible of all ranks were away on leave or furlough, pending embarkation, until Sunday, the 15th October.

On the following night (16th October) the Officers of the Troop dined with us, and at the same time our Corporals gave a dinner to theirs, while our Privates (12 per company) also dined 120 Drivers and Gunners. Unfortunately the R.H.A. Sergeants had a previous engagement, and were thus unable to accept of the hospitality of our Sergeants, who, however, gave them a hamper of good things for their journey two days later.

The several dinners were followed by a concert, in the Lecture Room, which was attended by representatives of all ranks of the Regiment and of the Troop. Just before dispersing, the Colonel, in a few well-chosen words, voiced the feelings of the whole Regiment on this unique occasion; and Major Simpson-Baikie, commanding the Chestnut Troop, made a telling reply, in which he reminded the audience that in the history

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of the armies of the world there had been three famous fighting "units," viz.: "Cæsar's Tenth Legion," "Napoleon's Old Guard," and "Craufurd's Light Division." The two former, he continued, exist no longer, but the spirit of the Light Division vigorously survives.

On the night of the 17th the Officers of the R.H.A. and R.F.A. Mess, in Wellington Lines, kindly invited us to help them entertain their departing comrades at a farewell dinner, and the four officers who represented the Regiment spent a most pleasant evening.

At 8.40 next morning the Troop left Aldershot, our band playing them down to the station, where several officers of the Regiment assembled to see the last of "the men with the galloping guns."

In a letter written to the Colonel on the 17th October, the Commanding Officer of the Troop said: "I write to ask you to convey to all ranks the grateful thanks of the Chestnut Troop for the very kind hospitality that was extended to us last night. All our fellows were extremely touched by the kind send-off they received from their old comrades of the Light Division, and we look forward to our next meeting, when we hope to return the kindness and hospitality we received from the 52nd."

But, it should be remarked, it was our turn to be the entertainers; for we have not met the Chestnut Troop since 1897, when the 52nd, halting at Umballa on the way to the Tirah Campaign, were treated right royally by their old friends. That—some day and somewhere—we may have another merry meeting is the earnest wish of all the

FIFTY-SECOND.

Aldershot,
30th October, 1911.

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DRESS AND EQUIPMENT, 1911.

1st Battalion, India.

Arms.

The arms in possession of the Battalion were received at Lucknow in August, 1907, and consist of Rifles, M.L.E., Short, Mark I., and Sword Bayonets, pattern 1903.

Equipment.

Bandolier, pattern 1903, received at Thayetmyo, March, 1910.

Clothing.

Helmets.—Wolseley pattern improved; khaki, covered with web binding; ventilating dome-shaped button; leather chin-strap. The regimental pugri is made up on a buckram frame, secured to the sides of the helmet by two tapes, passed through eyelet-holes, and fastened inside. (Efforts were made to re-introduce the pugri peculiar to the 43rd during its last tour of Indian service, as shown on page 133 of the 1894 Chronicle, but the arrangement was found to be unsuitable for the present-shaped helmet.)

Sewn on the left side of the pugri is a diamond-shaped patch on which is embroidered, in white, a bugle, similar to that worn as a cap badge. It is identical with the patch which was worn on the head-dress throughout the South African Campaign (1899–1902), and which was in the first instance made from the shoulder-straps of the men's kersey frocks during the voyage to Cape Town. Metal badges are not now worn with khaki helmets in India.

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In Review Order, a white cover and pugri is worn; white metal cap badge in front of the pugri; leather chin-strap. Spikes and chains have been abolished.

This pattern of helmet is an ideal covering for the head, and is smart in appearance, a striking contrast to the old pattern, pith or basket-work, Indian helmet. The old plan, however, of having a white helmet with khaki cover to put on when required was perhaps preferable to the present plan.

Caps.—In 1902, the field service cap (Austrian pattern) was officially abolished, and the round cap without a peak (known as the "Brodrick") was substituted for it, and later the cap with a peak. But under regimental arrangements the 1st Battalion continued to wear the field service cap, and this has now been officially re-adopted in India, where the peaked cap has been found, for climatic reasons, to be unsuitable.

The badge worn is the white-metal bugle, designed regimentally and approved by the War Office in 1898.

Frocks, serge.—A much smarter pattern of frock has been received. This is much longer than the old pattern, and is fastened with six buttons instead of five; the collar is cut square in front, fastening with two hooks. Pointed white facings and white shoulder straps. This frock, however, is not yet in general use.

The Band and Buglers have detachable white epaulettes, with white trimmings and piping for the Band, and with rose-and-crown trimmings for the Buglers.

The new frock adds greatly to the appearance of the men, and is the outcome of many reports that the infantry soldier in India was not clothed smartly enough.

Boots.—Either "hob-nailed" or "steel-billed," the former for wear at hill stations, the latter in the plains

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Boots for the British Army in India are made at Cawnpore, and, compared with home-pattern boots are exceedingly pliable, and consequently are comfortable for marching. The difficulty of fitting the boots has been successfully overcome by the following simple expedient: When fitting new boots the men are required to fully lace them up, after which they are fallen-in and put through every form of marching and hopping, and any boots not found to be comfortable are at once changed. This has practically done away with all complaints.

Khaki Frocks.—The new frock is much longer than the old pattern, and has two expanding breast pockets. It is sufficiently loose in the body to admit of a jersey being worn in cold climates. Prussian collar, as formerly worn by officers only (Home-pattern service dress), cut low in front. On the collar the gorget button, with braid, is worn by all ranks. Buttons are not worn on the cuffs.

Khaki Trousers. — Three different (experimental) shapes are in use, though the material is the same. An attempt is being made to secure a cut capable of being worn with putties, giving comfort and freedom in marching, and at the same time looking smart in walking-out dress.

Khaki Cut-shorts.—These are universally worn, but provided regimentally. They are cut very loose, and reaching just to the knee-cap afford free use of the legs, and are extremely popular. At present the wearing of cut-shorts is not sanctioned by regulation, but it is understood that the recognition of them as an article of dress is under consideration.

Footless Hose.—Of recent regimental adoption, for wear with cut-shorts; these are woven of khaki worsted, and are put on over the socks. At ordinary times they are turned down at the top, when they have the appear-

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ance of shooting stockings; but when required for protection in jungle work, or for warmth at night or in bivouac, they cover the legs from the ankle to high up the thigh.

Putties.—In colour matching the khaki drill.

White Clothing.—Frocks cut longer than formerly. Collar square in front. The coat quite plain, without cuffs or outside pockets. All ranks wear the gorget button. (White clothing is not worn at Wellington at any time of the year.)

General Remarks.

With the exception of the white clothing, which although of strong is of poor-looking material, the uniform now worn in India is of good quality and much improved both in cut and in make.

The old system of regiments making their own arrangements for khaki clothing has been abolished, stocks for a general mobilisation and field supply now being kept ready in the Clothing Factories at Alipore and Madras.

The system of cash allowances for clothing was introduced on the 1st April, 1909, and under the system men are much better clothed and possess larger quantities of clothing than under the system of issues in kind. Consequently, the old spectacle of a regiment looking smart in April, and gradually falling off as the year went on, has become a thing of the past.

There is still one item of dress which greatly detracts from the appearance of the men when walking out, and that is the rough, clumsy-looking brown leather waist-belt. If a girdle, as worn by certain mounted corps, could be sanctioned for infantry wear when walking out, it would be much appreciated. There are many points in favour of the girdle—more comfortable, less ex-

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pensive, and certainly smarter than the brown leather waist-belt. Distinctive colours for regiments could be easily arranged by combining the colours of the head-dress, tunic and facings—in our own case, dark green, red and white—the proportion of each not necessarily being equal.

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ROLL OF LIFE PENSIONERS

OF THE 43RD, 52ND, AND 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS OXFORDSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY

(NOW THE OXFORDSHIRE AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY).

THE Life Pensioners of the Regiment on the 1st October, 1911, were as follows: 12 Sergeant-Majors, 3 Bandmasters, 13 Quartermaster-Sergeants, 8 Sergeant-Instructors of Musketry, 1 Sergeant-Instructor of Gymnasia, 1 Sergeant-Master-Tailor, 8 Bugle-Majors, 104 Colour-Sergeants, 87 Sergeants, 36 Corporals, 3 Bandsmen, 14 Buglers, 357 Privates. Total, 647.

Fifteen of the above, being Warrant Officers, receive their pensions direct from the War Office. To the remainder was paid, during the year ending 30th September, 1911, the sum of 13,289*l.* 2*s.*

There were also in receipt of pensions 10 widows and 38 children, to whom was paid during the year 359*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.*

On the 30th September, 15 N.C.O.'s and men were drawing temporary pensions.

A complete roll of Life Pensioners of the Regiment (other than those residing and drawing their pensions in India and the Colonies) on the 1st October, 1908, appeared in Volume XVII. of the CHRONICLE. Alterations in this roll have been given in each subsequent volume, and the two lists overleaf show the names of pensioners added to the roll and removed from it since the publication of the last volume.

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ADDITIONS TO THE ROLL OF LIFE PENSIONERS SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE "CHRONICLE" FOR 1910.

[NOTE.—The unit is that in which the man last served. P.S.=Permanent Staff. I.U.L.=Indian Unattached List. S.A.=Staff of Army. O.T.C.=Officers' Training Corps.]

Regimental Number.	Rank.	Name.	Unit.	Service. Years.	Service. Months.	Cause of discharge.	Date admitted to pension.	Rate of pension per diem. s.	Rate of pension per diem. d.	Remarks, Medals, &c.
3427	Sergeant	Abel, F.	1 Bn.	21	4	Termination of engagement.	19.11.11	1	9	India, 1895; South Africa.
3736	"	Annison, R.W.	2 Bn.	19	3	Own request	16. 1.11	1	6	India, 1895; long service and good conduct.
3521	Qrm.-Sgt.	Aries, W.	"	21	0	Termination of engagement.	8.12.11	2	9	Long service and good conduct.
3964	Corporal	Austin, C.	"	19	6	Own request	15.11.11	0	11½	South Africa.
4556	Sergeant	Bartlett, A.	"	18	0	"	29.10.11	1	6	"
4474	Private	Betts, F.	"	18	3	"	12.10.11	0	10	India, 1895.
4144	"	Best, A.E.	"	18	3	"	26. 1.11	0	10	"
2759	Sgt.-Bug.	Branagan, P.	"	23	11	Termination of engagement.	1. 7.11	1	6½	South Africa; long service and good conduct.
5030	Sergeant	Buckingham, F.	"	18	1	Own request	4.12.11	0	11½	India, 1895.
874	Col.-Sgt.	Cox, J.	S.A.	40	0	Termination of engagement.	4. 3.11	2	10½	Long service and good conduct.
4428	Private	Chilton A.	2 Bn.	18	6	Own request	1. 9.11	0	10	India, 1895.
4473	Bugler	Crutchfield, G.	Depot	18	5	"	25.11.11	0	10	South Africa.
9147	Acting Sgt.-Major	Draper, C.	I.U.L.	21	3	Termination of engagement.	19. 4.11	2	9	Long service and good conduct.
4460	Corporal	Eley, J.	2 Bn.	18	2	Own request	20. 8.11	0	11½	India, 1895.
4308	Private	Foden, E.	1 Bn.	18	3	"	1. 4.11	0	10	"
8973	"	Hutchinson, G.	2 Bn.	18	2	"	14. 2.11	0	9½	——
4248	"	Hiorns, D.	1 Bn.	18	4	"	1. 4.11	0	10	China; India, 1895.
4419	"	Herbert, F.	"	18	3	"	21. 4.11	0	10	India, 1895.
3531	Col.-Sgt.	Hyde, C.	P.S. Bucks Bn.	21	0	Termination of engagement.	14.12.11	2	6	Long service and good conduct.
2815	Acting Sgt.-Major	Havery, C.	I.U.L.	23	7	Own request	7. 5.11	2	8	India, 1895; long service and good conduct.
3404	"	Lindop, W. T.	P.S.4Bn.	21	0	Termination of engagement.	26. 6.11	2	9	"
616	Col.-Sgt.	Linford, W.	I.U.L.	29	3	Own request	16. 9.11	3	2	Long service and good conduct.
4616	Corporal	Murphy, M.	3 Bn.	18	0	"	18.11.11	0	10	India, 1895.
4055	Private	Randall, A.	1 Bn.	18	8	"	1. 4.11	0	10	South Africa.
3441	"	Ridgley, C.	"	21	3	Termination of engagement.	16.11.11	1	0	"
4641	"	Simons, W. J.	2 Bn.	18	0	Own request	16.12.11	0	10	India, 1895.
5315	"	Simpole, E. A.	"	21	0	Termination of engagement.	2. 1.11	1	1	"
4367	"	Selman, G.	Depot	18	0	Own request	8. 1.11	0	10	"
4257	Bugler	Spokes, T. W.	P.S.3Bn.	18	4	Invalided	16. 4.11	1	0	"
398	Sergeant	Sheppard, G.	2 Bn.	29	3	Termination of engagement.	1. 5.11	2	4	South Africa; long service and good conduct.
720	Acting Sgt.-Major	Saunders, F.	P.S. Ox.Un. O.T.C.	29	0	Own request	25. 9.11	2	11	Long service and good conduct.
4604	Corporal	Stevens, C. E.	1 Bn.	18	0	"	19.11.11	1	0	India, 1895.
4674	Lce.-Cpl.	Townsend, J.	2 Bn.	18	0	"	22.12.11	0	10	"
5289	Sergeant	Townsend, W.	1 Bn.	14	6	Invalided	15. 2.11	1	4	South Africa.
4129	Private	Thistlewood, G.	"	18	4	Own request	12. 2.11	0	10	Long service and good conduct.
4963	"	Walters, F.	"	14	9	Invalided	15. 2.11	1	6	India, 1895; South Africa.
3896	Col.-Sgt.	Welch, W.	"	18	11	"	26. 2.11	2	6	India, 1895; long service and good conduct.
4235	Corporal	Watson, E.	"	18	5	Own request	19. 4.11	1	0	India, 1895.
4465	Private	Woods, J.	3 Bn.	18	2	"	1. 9.11	0	10	"

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LIFE PENSIONERS WHO HAVE DIED SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE "CHRONICLE" FOR 1910.

Regimental Number.	Rank.	Name.	Date of Death.
2545	Private	Bream, B.	28. 3.11
1034	,,	Blagrove, G.	16. 4.11
2400	,,	Creswell, C.	22. 3.11
2878	,,	Connolly, J.	11. 3.11
538	,,	Corbey, W.	7. 2.11
129	,,	Connell, P.	1. 5.11
4191	,,	Casey, C.	6. 3.11
3207	,,	Claridge, E.	9. 6.11
2358	,,	Cooper, J.	5.10.11
2940	,,	Connor, J.	9. 7.11
1014	,,	Curtis, S.	1. 9.11
194	,,	Davis, R.	18.12.10
1937	,,	Duff, M.	23.11.11
406	Sergeant	Endsor, H.	4. 4.11
3405	Col.-Sergeant	Fullerton, W.	26. 5.11
2579	Private	Higginbotham, T.	11. 5.11
2511	,,	Knight, H.	30.10.11
1723	Col.-Sergeant	Lawrence, J. E.	24. 8.11
1151	Sergeant	Marshall, W.	10.12.11
1628	Private	Norman, R.	11. 1.11
2891	,,	Phelan, M.	3. 9.11
2981	,,	Shibley, J.	19. 4.11
82	,,	Sullivan, J.	16.12.10
158	,,	White, J.	23. 3.11
608	,,	Wood, C.	18. 3.11
4564	,,	Waite, M.	28.12.10
7237	Bugler	Williams, H.	3. 3.11
4963	Private	Walters, F.	9.10.11
2963	,,	Warren, W.	6.10.11

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THE OXFORDSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY COTTAGE HOMES.

COWLEY, OXFORD.

AT the half-yearly meetings of the Executive Committee, held during 1911 at Cowley Barracks, the following accounts were audited and passed:—

BALANCE SHEET, 30TH JUNE, 1911.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance at the Bank, 31/12/10	18	0	2	Moss	0	8	6
Cape 3½ p.c. dividend	5	17	2	Morrell and Peel	1	1	0
Rebate Income Tax	0	14	6	Water Rate	0	15	4
New Zealand 3 p.c. dividend	4	19	8	Rates	3	12	0
Officer Commanding Depôt	5	0	0	Balance	28	14	8
Total	£34	11	6	Total	£34	11	6

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1911.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance at the Bank	28	14	8	Cheque Book	0	2	6
Cape 3½ p.c. dividend	5	17	2	Furniture Insurance	0	2	6
Depôt Institute	3	3	0	Water Rate	0	15	4
New Zealand 3 p.c. dividend	4	19	8	Rates	3	8	0
2nd Battalion Institute	5	0	0	House Insurance	0	10	6
				Balance	42	15	8
Total	£47	14	6	Total	£47	14	6

The capital invested consists of £355 12*s.* 2*d.* Cape of Good Hope 3½ p.c., and £332 9*s.* New Zealand 3 p.c., the title deeds of which are in the custody of Messrs. Barclay & Co.'s Bank, Oxford.

HENRY A. ADAIR, Major,
Hon. Sec.

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DALZELL TRUST AND PENSION FUND.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1911.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
1911.	£	s.	d.	1911.	£	s.	d.
Jan. Balance with Messrs. Cox & Co.	34	2	8	Jan. Payment of Six Pensioners for quarter ending 31st December, 1910	18	0	0
Jan. Div. Victoria 3½ p.c.	8	9	6	April. Payment of Six Pensioners for quarter ending 31st March, 1911	18	0	0
Feb. Div. L. & S. W. Railway	7	14	10	July. Payment of Six Pensioners for quarter ending 30th June, 1911	18	0	0
Feb. Div. Midland Railway	7	15	2	Oct. Payment of Six Pensioners for quarter ending 30th September, 1911	18	0	0
May. Div. New Zealand 4 p.c.	8	12	4	Dec. Messrs. Cox & Co., postage for 1911	0	7	0
July. Div Victoria 3½ p.c.	8	9	6	Dec. 31st. Balance in hands of Messrs. Cox & Co.	26	19	4
Aug. Div. L. & S. W. Railway	7	14	10				
Aug. Div. Midland Railway	7	15	2				
Nov. Div. New Zealand 4 p.c.	8	12	4				
	£99	6	4		£99	6	4

Rebate on Income Tax for two years (£6 18s.) is due and has been applied for.

A. F. MOCKLER-FERRYMAN, Lt.-Col.,
Hon. Sec.

The Trustees have elected (for 1912) the Six Pensioners, WALTER SHARMAN, FREDERICK AYRES, JOSEPH STEVENS, JOHN GIBBS, THOMAS FREDERICK PAYNE, GEORGE GILDER.

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THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION.

1911.

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION continues to make very satisfactory progress, and during 1911 the amount expended in pensions and temporary relief was £113 16*s.* 5*d.*

The following were some of the cases relieved:—

1. The widow of a Lance-Corporal, who, after serving for seven years in India and South Africa, was discharged with a very good character, and died in 1909, was granted a pension of 2*s.* 6*d.* per week.

2. A New Zealand veteran, who was discharged with a very good character after 22 years' service, was granted a pension of 2*s.* 6*d.* per week. He died on the 27th November, 1911.

3. The widow of an old soldier who had been discharged in 1868 after 21 years' service, with character very good, was granted a pension of 1*s.* per week.

4. The widow of a Quartermaster-Sergeant who had served for 24½ years. Pension 2*s.* 6*d.* per week.

5. The widow of an old soldier discharged in 1886 after 22 years' service with character very good. Pension of 2*s.* per week.

6. The widow of an old soldier who had served in the South African War. Pension 1*s.* per week.

7. An old soldier, 67 years of age, who has injured his hand and is thus prevented from obtaining regular employment. Temporary pension 2*s.* per week.

8. Benjamin Bream, who served in the Kaffir War and Indian Mutiny, died at Bury St. Edmunds, at the age of 85, on the 29th March. The officer commanding the Depôt of the Suffolk Regiment very kindly accorded him a military funeral, and the Association paid the funeral expenses.

9. A former Bugler of the Regiment was found to be living alone in lodgings in very bad health. The Association was able to place him in the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, where he died on 3rd March, 1911. The Association paid his funeral expenses.

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Six applicants were refused assistance, as their characters were considered unsatisfactory.

The accounts made up to the 30th June, 1911, were printed in the Annual Report, which has been issued to all subscribers. It may interest non-subscribers to know that, on the above date, the balance credit of the Fund amounted to £491 14*s.* 9½*d.*, of which £388 19*s.* has been invested. The number of individual subscribers to the Association has now increased to 146, and their subscriptions are estimated to produce an income of £200 per annum.

During the year the Association received the following donations in memory of the late Lieut.-Colonel C. K. Crosse, 52nd Light Infantry: £105 from Mr. H. B. Crosse and Miss Crosse, in memory of their brother; and £100 from Lieut. R. B. Crosse, 52nd Light Infantry, in memory of his uncle.

The Executive Committee has undergone no change during the year except that Capt. L. F. Scott has taken up the office of Honorary Secretary, in place of Major Eden, who has rejoined the 2nd Battalion.

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OLD COMRADES' DINNER.
1911.[1]

THERE was a pleasant reunion of past and present members of the 43rd and 52nd (1st and 2nd Battalions of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry) at High Wycombe, on Saturday, October 7th. The Old Comrades' Club, under whose auspices a successful dinner was held, was inaugurated a couple of years ago, and has performed a most useful service in affording old comrades of the Regiment an opportunity of meeting together. The number of members of the Club who assembled at Wycombe was about 200, and the tables were tastefully laid in the Town Hall, the Regimental colours being adopted in the covering of the tables.

Lieut.-Colonel H. R. Davies occupied the chair, and there were also present the Rev. C. F. H. Johnston (Chaplain); Major-General T. M. Bailie; Colonel R. Fanshawe, D.S.O.; Colonel J. A. Strachan; Colonel J. Colebrooke Carter; Major H. L. Ruck-Keene, D.S.O.; Major Talbot; Major A. J. F. Eden; Major Luard; Major H. F. Darell-Brown; Major White; Major Ovey; Captains Ballard, Mansel, Hunter, Crosse, Pollock, Ponsonby, Bayley, Brooke-Popham, Scott, King, Bridgewater, Hall, Ross; Lieutenant Parr; Mr. H. C. Lea (late M.P. for St. Pancras E., and formerly a private in the Oxfordshire Light Infantry); Colour-Sergeant H. Cox (Mayor of Wycombe); C.S.I. Barry; Sergeants Kape, Chalfont, Green, Coleman; Lance-Sergeants G. Smewing, F. Smewing; Corporals Hussey, Wooster; Colour-Sergeants McGowan and Lyne; Sergeant Roberts; C.S.I. Wethered; Sergeant-Major Nichol; Colour-Sergeant Syrett; Sergeant Strugnell; Sergeant Wilson; Sergeant-Major E. Nichol; Colour-Sergeants A. G. Sirett, A. Hughes, Croft, Craft, Hone, Powell, Roberts, Jeffreys, Hurley; Sergeant F. L. Strugnell; Private Tofield; ex-Corporal R. J. Bailey; ex-Lance-Corporals G. G. Giles and J. Prothero; together with the following N.C.O.'s from the Regiment at Aldershot and Oxford: Sergeant-Majors Ellis, Warnock, Jones, Stephens, Emery; Quartermaster-Sergt. Roberts; Colour-Sergeants Dwight, King, Boulger, Arlett, Warnock, Vincent, Gregory, Ayres, Godden, Bond, Brown; Sergeant-Bugler Martin; Sergeants Beale, Connor, East, Wooding, Hewett, Heeley, Birchmore, Surridge, Piper, Nutt, W. Carter, Ayres, Barson, Ratsey; Corporals Foster, Dennis, and Banwell.

[1] From the *Oxford Chronicle*, October 13th, 1911.

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After an excellent repast the loyal toast was duly honoured.

ABSENT MEMBERS.

The Chairman at the outset apologised for the absence of several who were unable to be present. The first was their Colonel, General Green-Wilkinson, C.B. He had had a letter from him in which he said : "I wish much I could be present. If you have an opportunity I should like you to say how much I regret my infirmity and that I am unable to to be present. I hope you will all have a very happy afternoon." Before going further, as he was not present, he would like the company to drink General Green-Wilkinson's health. The toast was heartily drunk.

Continuing, the Chairman said others who were unable to be present were Colonel the Hon. A. E. Dalzell, C.B. ; Col. Bernard ; Col. Sir T. C. T. Warner, Bart., C.B., M.P. ; Col. Lord North ; General Sir F. Colvile ; Major Adair ; Captain Cardwell, Sergeant-Major Brazier (who had had so much to do with the Old Comrades' Association) ; Sergeant-Major Francombe, Quartermaster-Sergeant Grant. They had unfortunately had some losses since last year, and many of those present would remember their commanding officer, General Plowden, C.B., whose death they were sorry to hear of a short time ago. He had before his death written to say he intended to be present on that occasion. Among those whom they were especially glad to see present that day was Mr. Hetherington, who was formerly in the 43rd, and was now 83 years of age—(applause)—and had come from Belfast to attend that gathering. Two other old soldiers had written to say they could not be present. One of these was Mr. Abel Candy, who left the 43rd after serving in New Zealand as long ago as 1866. Mr. Tuck, also of the 43rd, was now in the Royal Hospital at Dublin. That was the second occasion on which they had met together for a dinner, and those who attended last year wondered at first whether it would be a success or not, but even when they got to the last dinner they were convinced it would be a success, as it had been. Formerly, when they were parted from those who were leaving the Colours, they thought there was small chance of their seeing them again. Now, thanks to that gathering, they hoped to meet those whom they had worked with, and he trusted those gatherings would be continued for many years. One wondered that that Association was not started many years ago. The next business was the selection of the Committee for the ensuing year, and he thought they could not do better than ask the members of the old Committee to continue for another year. (Cheers.) He thought they might consider that carried. It was especially fitting that they should meet at High Wycombe this year because one of their comrades was Mayor of the Borough, and he thought they would all congratulate him on having attained that position. He thought they

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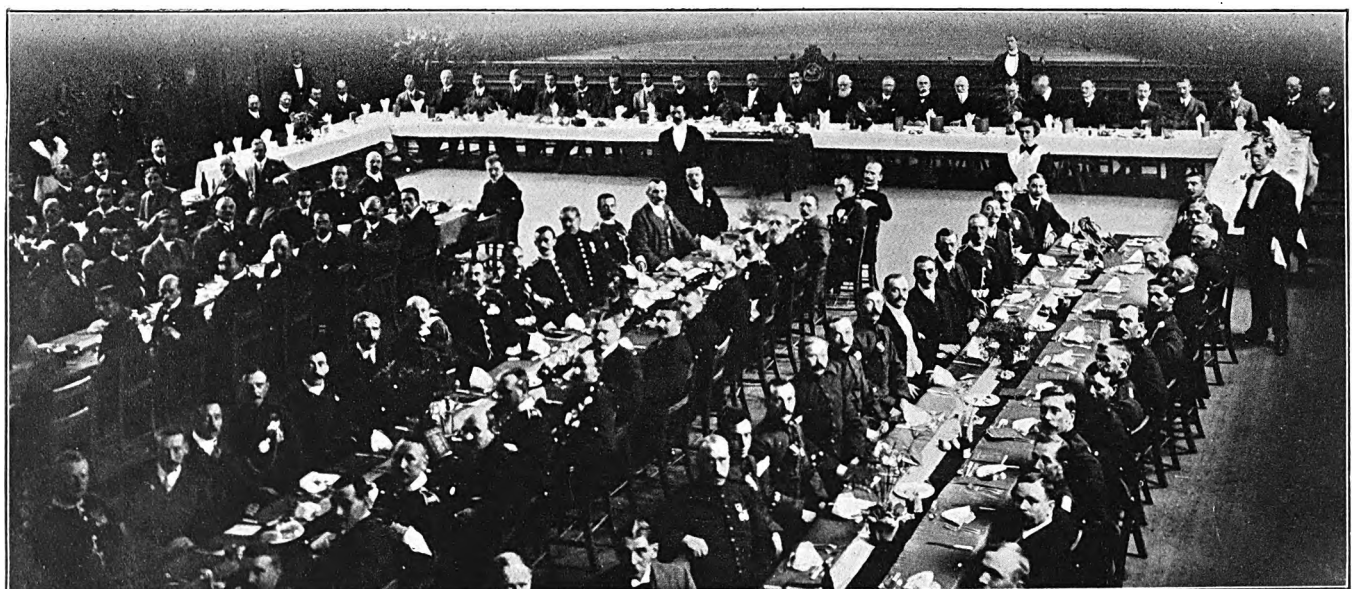

OLD COMRADES' DINNER.

High Wycombe, 1911.

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might also congratulate the town of High Wycombe upon having as their Mayor one who, though not a professional soldier originally, had fought in South Africa. (Cheers.) Other places would do well to have as their Chief Magistrates men who had done things like that. (Applause.)

Eulogy of the Officers.

Ex-Sergeant-Major H. Stephens submitted the toast of "The Officers of the Regiment, Past and Present." He said after having been away from the old corps for 24 years he had lost touch with a great number of the old members, but he knew a lot of those present, and he was very proud, as he was sure they were, to see so many of their past and present officers at that gathering. (Hear, hear.) He was sure they always had, and always would, love their officers. (Hear, hear.) They were always the best friends of the men when they were in the Regiment, and they were their best friends now that they were out of it. They had looked after all of them as well as they possibly could when they were serving with the old Battalion. "Why," he asked, "do they come here on this occasion?" Simply for the reason that they wished to do honour to the old hands, who had served them well so many times, and some of whom were serving still. Let them look at their old officers and their officers of the present; let them look at the campaigns that had taken place in the memory of most of those present; let them look at the gallantry of some of their officers in the Tirah campaign, in the Khyber Pass campaign, and in the South African War, and see how their officers behaved there and brought the Regiment through with honour and credit and added lustre to the already far-famed Regiment to which they had the honour to belong. Their officers came and went, but they always handed down to their successors, as he was sure they handed to the present Colonel and President, a splendid regiment. (Cheers.) He hoped they would always carry that out and keep up the prestige of the old Regiment as high as had been done in the past. He thought the officers now were quite as good as ever they were, if not better; they had a better military training, more hard work to get to their position, and he was sure they would try and keep up the prestige of the old Battalion and hand it down to those who came after them, as they found it. (Cheers.)

The Employment of Discharged Soldiers.

Colonel J. Colebrooke-Carter, in responding on behalf of the past officers, expressed their appreciation of the hearty and harmonious manner in which the company had expressed their opinions of them. (Hear, hear.) He would also like to assure them that it was a great

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pleasure to the past officers to be present at that annual dinner, which was, as was the last one, a great success, and he trusted the gathering might grow more and more in popularity. He confessed that when he received a request to respond to this toast he was extremely surprised, because he felt that it might much more appropriately have been placed in the hands of others, who would deal with it with more authority than he could pretend to, and in a manner that probably would have been much more interesting to them than any he could command. But he undertook the task willingly because he would never forget the pleasant days that he spent in the 43rd—(cheers)—and though so many years had elapsed since he served in the Regiment, he had never lost his interest in it, and he would never do so. (Cheers). There was another good reason : he had for many years been interested in the 52nd, whose acquaintance—and it was of very long standing—he had been able on a recent occasion to renew, when the Regiment had been in camp on Lady Wantage's estate in Berkshire, which he managed and controlled. Of Churn the memories of the 52nd could not be very happy ; it was at all times a desolate and dreary spot, and when it rained, as it could rain there, it was still worse, so that the less said about Churn the better. On another occasion recently the 52nd marched from Tidworth camp and encamped in Lady Wantage's park at Lockinge, near Wantage, and he only hoped the reminiscences of the 52nd during that short, all too short, visit were as pleasant as were those of the inhabitants of the two neighbouring villages, and he could assure the 52nd if they at any future time were seeking a temporary home in that part of North Berkshire, they would receive a hearty welcome from Lady Wantage, who was the widow of a distinguished soldier, the late Colonel Lloyd-Lindsay, V.C. (Lord Wantage). Lady Wantage, like him, had always taken a great interest in the Army, more especially as regards the employment of discharged soldiers. (Cheers.) On Lady Wantage's estate, which was a rather large one, it had for many years been the custom always to employ discharged soldiers for any vacant position there might be which they were qualified to fill. (Cheers.) In that way a very great number of discharged soldiers had found and now find employment on the estate, and a considerable number of these came from the 43rd and 52nd. (Cheers.) When he added to that number all those men on the estate whom he himself had in other ways found employment for, he found that it reached very nearly the number of seventy. (Hear, hear.) And all these men, with few exceptions—exceptions so few and so rare that his memory declined to dwell upon them—had worthily fulfilled and were worthily fulfilling the duties that had been assigned to them—(cheers)—fulfilling them in a way which

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reflected great credit upon the two battalions for which he knew they entertained such an affectionate regard. Many young men from the neighbourhood in which he lived had enlisted in the Regiment, and he watched their careers with great interest. He saw them return to their homes after they had completed their Colour service well set up and well mannered young men—(hear, hear)—who from their experience of military life and military discipline were infinitely more fitted for civil employment than they were before they joined the Regiment. (Applause.) For this reason, and because from his personal knowledge and practical experience he knew it to be true, he never lost an opportunity of impressing upon employers of labour how it would be to their advantage to employ discharged soldiers for many posts and work of a varied description which he knew they were qualified faithfully to fulfil.

A National Question.

At the same time he had always regarded this question of the employment of discharged soldiers as one that should be a national question. (Hear, hear.) But unfortunately ever since short service was introduced every Government, of whatever political creed, had been too invertebrate to take this matter up seriously, and he was afraid under the present condition of affairs they could not look for any progress or improvement in that respect, but the War Office would remain, as they always had been, distant and indifferent followers of those who did their best to make amends for the shortcomings of the War Office. (Cheers.) It was for these reasons that their Regimental Association had been formed with the object of assisting discharged soldiers in the time of need and of finding work for those who sought employment. The Association had begun under good auspices, and had already done much good. (Cheers.) But, like many benevolent institutions, its financial resources were somewhat limited, but they hoped as the Association became more generally known that they would have a very greatly increased number of subscribers. It was an Association which merited and deserved the support not only of those who were directly interested in the Regiment, but of all those in the two counties of Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire who had any sympathy for the discharged soldier, who, through no fault of his own, was unable to find himself a livelihood. He believed that Association had a great and magnificent work to perform—a work in which it would surely succeed if it could only obtain the sympathy and the financial support of the leading inhabitants of these two Territorial counties, as well as of the employers of labour. He would like to take that opportunity of expressing to the 43rd his appreciation of the fact that they had recently appointed him as one of

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their representatives on the Executive Committee. He hoped to be an active member so long as his services might be required by the 43rd and his health continued ; but he knew, in the ordinary course of things, at a time not very far distant he would have to relinquish the appointment which he had held for many years, and which had afforded him such exceptional opportunities to help the deserving soldiers of the Regiment, but when that time did come, and he found himself relegated to comparative idleness and obscurity, he would not cease to do all that then might be within his limited powers to further the interests of the old soldiers of the 43rd and 52nd, whose welfare he had so sincerely had at heart. (Cheers.)

Recalling old Times.

Major E. D. White also responded on behalf of the present officers, to whom he said it was always a pleasure to meet old soldiers who had passed through the regiment at any time, whether during their period of service or before. It brought back old times to them, and they were able to hear how they were getting on and how other old soldiers were doing. As had been said, until that gathering was initiated it was only by chance that old comrades met, and he hoped the dinner would go on and be successful, and that every year they would see more and more old soldiers as members. The hope had been expressed that they were keeping up, or would keep up, the old traditions of the Regiment. He could assure them that the officers felt there was a great responsibility laid on them to maintain the good name of the Regiment, which had been handed down for over a hundred years. But the officers recognised that they themselves could not keep up that name unless they got the support of everybody in the Regiment. It was not an officer's job only, but everybody's job, whether an officer or a private. They must also cultivate the spirit of good comradeship and mutual trust between the officers and the men if, when the time of trial came, they were to carry through. He believed they had had that spirit of trust among them in the past and that they had it still. (Cheers.) He hoped those gatherings might do something to foster it, and when they went back to their Regiment or their work, they would go back more determined than they were before to work hard, to stick to their duty, and do their best to keep up the good name of the Regiment, and through the Regiment that of the Army, and through the Army that of the country which they had the honour to serve. (Cheers.)

The Backbone of the Army.

Major H. L. Ruck-Keene, D.S.O., proposed the toast of "Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men of the Regiment, Past and Present." He remarked that there were several persons absent whom

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they had hoped to see present, and particularly he would like to have seen Sergeant-Major Brazier and Quartermaster-Sergeant Henderson. He was glad to see many whom he knew present, although there might be some difference in some of them since he first knew them. In some cases he remembered their figures were slim and their hair curly; now their figures were curly and their hair slim. (Laughter.) But still their hearts were in the same place. (Cheers.) He was perfectly certain the warrant officers and non-commissioned officers were as good as they were in the past, and he was proud to have the honour of serving alongside them. (Cheers.)

Ex-Colour-Sergeant T. N. Boulger, who responded, said he thought those gatherings were especially useful because they cemented the old with the new, and it was one of the happiest times of their lives for the older ones to mix with the young ones, and they were proud to meet them at any time. He was sure no one was prouder than old members of the Regiment to meet with both past and present officers; they were glad to be amongst them that day, and especially were they pleased to see one who had been lately stricken down with illness—Major-General Bailie (Cheers.) He would also like to mention that a number of ladies had come from Oxford to see the old faces, amongst them being the daughter of the Regiment, Mrs. Munn. (Cheers.)

The Honour of the Regiment.

Sergeant-Major L. J. Ellis also replied on behalf of the present members. The Regiment, he said, had got a brilliant record which had been handed down since its formation, and had been well maintained by the members of the past. Now the task had been handed to the present, and they were not going to lose the honour which previous members had taken the trouble to gain for the Regiment. (Cheers.) They would ultimately hand it to the future, and they hoped they would carry it on in the same high manner that it had always been maintained. (Cheers.) They talked about the past—he did not mean those who were gone, but those who had left the Regiment, many of whom were present that day. They had fought hard in the days gone by, and the present members would do the same to-day. (Cheers.) And if they did not come out as well as the Regiment did in the past, they would let the old members came back and take on the job for them. When it became the duty of the future to maintain the brilliant record of the Regiment, if they could not do it then the present members would have to go back. (Cheers.) There was not a member for whom he was speaking who would not do or die for the interest of his country, and especially his regiment, provided they were led by their officers. (Cheers.)

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Colour-Sergeant Cox, Mayor of High Wycombe, also responded. He said in the first place he would like as Mayor of the town to express his gratitude and appreciation on behalf of Wycombe that they were holding their second dinner in the largest town in Buckinghamshire. (Cheers.) He believed many of them knew that Wycombe had always been famed for its loyalty and for its love of the dear old Regiment. (Cheers.) As he had said, he was glad they were there, and his only wish was that they had had more time, so as to enable them to visit the Barracks and see what they were doing in Wycombe. Reference had been made to the Territorials, to which he still had the honour to belong, and he could assure them that in Wycombe they were trying to do their little bit for their King and country, for their two companies were even over strength. (Cheers.) He had the honour of serving with the Regiment in South Africa, and he was proud to see so many officers present. The proposer of the toast had mentioned sport: they all knew that he was a hard rider, he rode straight and hard, and that example was followed by everyone who served in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. (Cheers.) He believed one of the oldest men in the room, and probably one of the oldest soldiers, was Colour-Sergeant Croft, under whom many enlisted, and they were very glad to see him present. (Cheers.)

THE TERRITORIALS AND THE COUNTY REGIMENT.

He only hoped, as Colonel Colebrooke Carter had said, that that dinner would cement the friendships between members of the Regiment. The men belonging to the Territorials and the County Regiment went hand in hand, and he trusted they might do their best for the counties of Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. Their Chairman told him that they had many recruits from Wycombe, and he added that they generally turned out very good men. That was what they wanted, men who would join the Regiment and uphold the traditions that had been mentioned. They were proud to speak of the old traditions of the Regiment, and he hoped the dinner would long continue. (Cheers.) It was the day when old friends met, and he could promise them as Mayor of the town if they got a little over the mark, it would be all right. (Laughter.) They came there to enjoy themselves, and he hoped they would go back to their homes with pleasant memories of their visit to Wycombe and their meeting with old friends. If any of them could give an old soldier employment he thought the example of Lady Wantage was one that everyone should try and follow—(cheers)—and do what they could for those who had served their King and country. That was an object at which they should all aim, for a soldier's service should be considered when he got into private life. (Cheers).

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The Working Committee.

Colonel R. Fanshawe, D.S.O., submitted the toast of "The Working Committee." He thought a gathering of that kind was of great use to the Regiment at the present time. The link between the past and the present was now, he hoped, a very strong one. It was shown by the number of men they had serving whose fathers had been in the Regiment before them. In the Battalion which he had had the honour to command there were enough men to form a whole company of those whose fathers or relatives had been connected with the Regiment. (Cheers.) By those gatherings not only did they help the Regiment they were serving now, but they also helped the future of the Regiment. (Cheers.)

The Work of the Committee.

Quartermaster-Sergeant F. M. Roberts, who responded, spoke of the work which had been carried out by the Committee since the last dinner. The work had been somewhat arduous, but the Committee did not grudge it. Many evenings had been devoted to the work of the Association with a view to making that dinner a success, and also with the object of increasing the membership. One of the reasons why they did not get so many at the annual dinner as they could wish was on account of the expenses of travelling. The number of envelopes that had been sent out to the various old comrades past and present was 3,008, so they could quite understand that in that direction alone there had been a good deal of work. He could assure them their hon. secretary (Sergeant-Major Ellis) had been indefatigable in arranging for the gathering. The Committee had also to thank the Mayor of High Wycombe and Colour-Sergeant Barry for the work they had done at High Wycombe on behalf of the Association, and also Corporal Banwell for work in connection with the 4th Battalion at Oxford. He could assure them that if it had not been for the generous way in which they had supported the Old Comrades' Dinner Club it would not have been in such a flourishing condition as it was at present. (Cheers.) He was sure they would agree that the progress the Association had made, considering it was only in its second year, was very great. He was sure he was voicing the sentiments of the Committee when he said they felt a great pride in seeing so many old comrades again.

Sergeant-Major L. J. Ellis also replied. He mentioned that the money received this year had not been so great, nor had the expenditure been so heavy as last year. When matters were settled up there would be something like £25 to hand over to the account standing in the name of the Dinner Club, making a total of £60 to their credit. (Cheers.)

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A programme of music was rendered by the Regimental Band of the Bucks Battalion of the Oxfordshire and Bucks Light Infantry, under the conductorship of Bandmaster F. H. Bowles, as follows: March, "Courage" (C. Latann); overture, "For King and Country" (W. Rimmer); cornet solo, "Queen of Angels" (Piccolomini); national fantasia, "Gems of England" (W. Rimmer); waltz, "Sweet Memories" (A. Joyce); Indian romance, "Hobomoko" (E. Reeves); selection, "Songs of Scotland" (W. Rimmer); waltz, "Superbe" (C. Harris); American fantasia, "A Darky's Dreamland" (T. Bidgood); Regimental Marches, (*a*) "43rd Light Infantry"; (*b*) "52nd Light Infantry."

An excellent programme had been arranged, and was carried out between the speeches, as follows: Song, "A May Morning," Mr. G. Brocklehurst; song, "The Old Brigade," Mr. E. Syms; song, "England," Colour-Sergeant H. Cox; cornet solo, "Love's Own Sweet Song," Mr. H. S. Broome; song, "When the Old Times come again," Mr. Ryder Davis; song, "The Fiddler's Ghost," Mr. S. Cubbage; selected turn, Mr. Leslie Bell; song, "A Chip of the Old Block," Mr. R. Janes; duet, "The Battle Eve," Messrs. G. Brocklehurst and E. Syms; cornet solo, "Eileen Allanah," Mr. H. S. Broome; song, "The King's Own," Colour-Sergeant H. Cox; song, "The Policeman's Story," Mr. Ryder Davis; song, "My Old Shako," Mr. S. Cubbage; selected turn, Mr. Leslie Bell; the National Anthem.

NOTES.

Among the old faces were Mr. Grellis, who joined the Regiment in 1858; Mrs. Munn, who, as a little girl, went through the horrors of the Indian Mutiny in Delhi; and Corporal Crase, who also joined the Regiment in 1858. He just missed the Mutiny, joining his Regiment in India as the last embers of that affair were dying out. He went through the Maori War, however, for which he received the New Zealand medal. He returned to India in 1872, and received his discharge in 1879. He is now a pensioner at the Royal Hospital, Greenwich.

There were also two old men present who joined the Regiment in 1848, one of them the 43rd and the other the 52nd. Sergeant Wrigley, the 52nd man, was born 82 years ago and is now a Chelsea Hospital pensioner. He retired from the Regiment in 1862. He is an old Mutiny man, going to India in 1853. During that terrible period his Regiment had to make a forced march of 52 miles in less than two days to a place called Trimmoo Ghat, where upwards of 300 prisoners were

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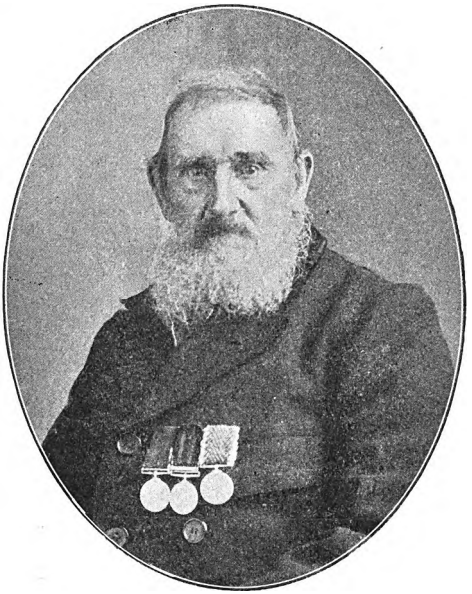
captured. Immediately after this affair, where he received a sword-cut in the right arm, the Battalion marched on to Delhi, where Sergeant Wrigley received a bullet wound on the temple. He is in possession of the Indian Mutiny medal, with clasp for Delhi.

The other '48 man, Mr. Tom Heatherington, is just on 84 years of age, and came expressly from Bleary, Lurgin, co. Armagh, Ireland, to be present at the dinner. He was met at different stages of his journey by members or ex-members of the Regiment. Three years after he joined the 43rd he took part in the Kaffir War of 1851–2–3; in 1857 he went through the Mutiny, for which he received the medal with clasp; and



THOMAS HEATHERINGTON—A 43RD VETERAN.

from 1863 to 1866 he was in New Zealand helping to quell the Maori rising. He retired to pension in 1869. He was one of the very few who sailed in the ill-fated *Birkenhead* on her last voyage who lived to tell the tale. He was seized with sunstroke just before the vessel reached Capetown, and in consequence was landed there and placed in hospital; three days later the *Birkenhead* was at the bottom of the sea in Simon's Bay.

Mr. Heatherington arrived in Oxford on Friday, and during his short stay was the guest of the Sergeants' Mess at Cowley. He is a good

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raconteur, and he kept his hosts thoroughly interested in tales of old times. On Monday evening a gramophone entertainment was given in the Mess for his benefit. It was the first time he had either seen or heard of such a thing, and the questions he asked were innumerable. On Tuesday morning, before he started on his journey home, he was presented by the Mess with a travelling rug and muffler. He expressed his intention of being present next year, provided his health allowed him.

Mr H. C. Lea, who joined the Oxfordshire Light Infantry some years ago as a private, retiring later with the rank of Lance-Sergeant, and who, when M.P. for St. Pancras E. was known as the "Soldiers' M.P.," had a unique exhibit on view at the dinner. This consisted of two cases of medals belonging to deceased members of the 43rd Regiment. One case contained eleven New Zealand medals, while the other contained between forty and fifty medals awarded for services rendered during the Peninsular War.

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OCCASIONAL NOTES.

A RECORD has been established this year by three officers of the Regiment graduating at the Staff College at the same time, viz., Captain and Brevet-Major L. H. R. POPE-HENNESSY, D.S.O., Captain H. R. M. BROOKE-POPHAM, and Captain J. T. WEATHERBY.

The following is a list of other officers of the Regiment who are known to have passed through the Staff College during the last fifty years:—

Captain H. A. Brett, 43rd, 1863.
Captain Sir St. V. A. Hammick, 43rd, 1872.
Lieutenant W. A. Gough, 52nd, 1880.
Lieutenant C. M. Hutton, 52nd, 1882.
Major J. Johnstone, 2nd Battalion, 1885.
Captain G. S. F. Napier, 1st Battalion, 1894.
Captain R. Fanshawe, 2nd Battalion, 1900.
Captain K. R. Hamilton, D.S.O., 1st Battalion, 1906.
Captain W. Marriott-Dodington, 2nd Battalion, 1907.
Captain E. R. Clayton, 2nd Battalion, 1909.

Captain E. L. SOMERS-CODES, late 52nd Light Infantry, held the office of Mayor of Westminster this year, and Colour-Sergeant (T. F.) H. J. Cox that of High Wycombe.

Major H. C. C. DUCAT, who served with the 52nd in 1886–87 and subsequently entered the Indian Army, has assumed the name of Hamersley in addition to that of Ducat, and has retired from the Service.

On December 27th, 1910, at Livingstone, Southern Alberta, Canada, by the Reverend Father Hëtu, Captain CHARLES ALEXANDER CARDWELL, late Oxfordshire Light Infantry, only son of Thomas Holme Cardwell,

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Newnton House, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, to CATHERINE ELIZABETH, youngest daughter of Lieut.-Colonel A. L. WYNTER, late King's Own Scottish Borderers.

On January 17th, 1911, at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, by the Reverend M. Trietschel, Colonel ROBERT ECCLES, late Oxfordshire Light Infantry, to GWENDOLEN MABEL ALISON, youngest daughter of the late JOHN MCCULLOGH and the late Mrs. JOHN KIDDLE, of 17, Ovington Gardens, S.W.

The Royal United Service Institution has this year acquired for the Museum a telescope with a gun-stock holder made for Field-Marshal Lord Raglan,[1] and used by him in the Crimea: "The holder was made to enable Lord Raglan to use the telescope without support, as he had only one arm, having lost the other at the battle of Waterloo. It is recorded of him that, at Waterloo, towards the close of the day, as he was standing beside Wellington, his right arm was struck by a bullet from the roof of La Haye Sainte, necessitating the amputation of the arm. He bore the operation without a word, but when it was ended he called to the orderly, 'Hallo! Don't carry away that arm till I have taken off my ring' —a ring which his wife had given him."

On page 195 of last year's CHRONICLE, for *Trayford* read *Trayton*; and on page 243 for *Algernon Lennox Peel* read *Arthur Lennox Peel*.

[1] As Lord Fitzroy Somerset, was Captain 43rd Light Infantry, 1808. His portrait will be found facing page 119, CHRONICLE, 1896.—ED.

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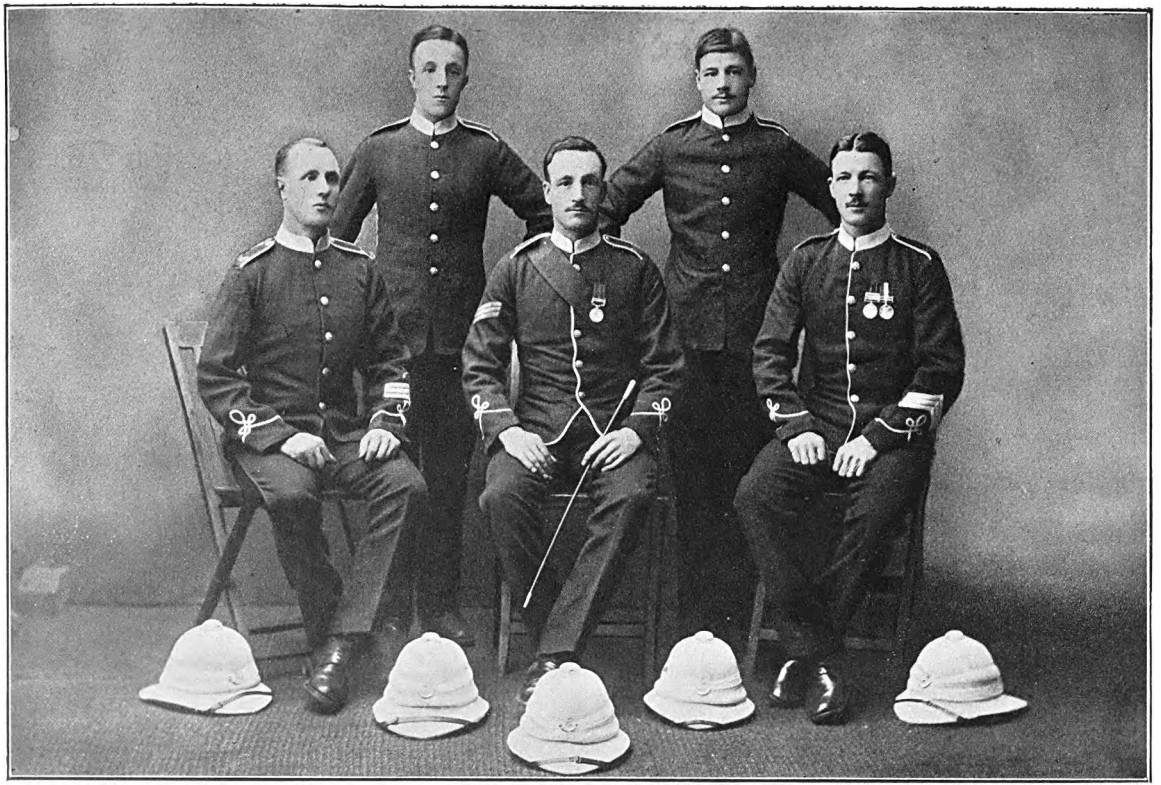

L.-Corporal H. Pitcher. Private W. Pitcher.
Private J. Pitcher. Sergeant T. W. Pitcher. Private W. T. Pitcher.

FIVE BROTHERS IN THE 1ST BATTALION, 1911.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

THE 52ND IN 1782.

AT the conclusion of the War of American Independence, the 52nd embarked at New York and arrived in England in December, 1778, mustering on disembarkation no more than ninety-two effective men. During the following year the Regiment was quartered in the south of England, and was busily engaged in recruiting until 1780, when it was once again up to strength. At that time the militia of England was embodied, and during 1780 and 1781 the 52nd was brigaded with several militia regiments encamped at Dartford and at Rye. The year 1782 was spent at Chatham, and the Garrison Orders issued at that period by Major-General Calcraft help us to form an idea of military life a hundred and thirty years ago.

The 52nd and the 65th were apparently accommodated in barracks, but the six regiments of militia were encamped on the Lines and at Brompton. From July onwards the troops furnished four hundred men a day for the "King's works," viz., throwing up fortifications to cover the dockyards, the quota of the 52nd varying from 25 to 40 men, with a proportion of officers and N.C.O.'s. For this work the men were paid ninepence a day, threepence being handed to them before they began, threepence when they finished, and the balance credited to their accounts. After a while it was discovered that the men did as little work as possible, and it became necessary to appoint special officers to act as overseers, with the field officer of the day as chief inspector.

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Moreover, the General made a special appeal to the patriotism of the men by impressing upon them that "on their alacrity and industry depended the safety of the dockyards and the welfare of England."

The Light Companies of the several regiments were not taken for the "works," but were despatched, under the command of Captain Martin Hunter, of the 52nd, to Coxheath, near Maidstone, where they encamped throughout the summer for a new system of training, known as the "Dundas Exercises." Lord Cathcart was in command of the troops, and great attention was paid to Light Infantry drill, the battalion of Light Companies and a regiment of Light Dragoons (Yeomanry) acting together on all occasions. This is noteworthy, as showing that twenty years before the famous Shorncliffe days a company of the Regiment was receiving special instruction in Light Infantry drill.

At Chatham the men's time was fully occupied, for General Calcraft was a keen soldier, and had all available troops out for field days as often as possible; so what with working parties, guards, and occasional detachments at Gravesend and Upnor, the officers and men of the 52nd were kept busy. The orders which he issued from time to time show that the General was very particular about the appearance of the men, and he constantly reminded them that they must be "shaved clean and well powdered." This powdering of the hair must have been an abomination to the men, though it continued in vogue for another quarter of a century, being officially abolished only when the army proceeded on active service in 1795. But it was not merely the powdering which gave trouble, for the hair, which was worn at some length, had to be most carefully dressed and tied back in a "club" or "queue," upon which was fastened a small ornament of black polished leather.

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The dress of the officers appears also to have given the General some heart-burnings, as witness the following order :—

"It is with much concern that the Major-General observes that a strange unmilitary want of uniformity in dress has intruded itself amongst the officers of this garrison. It is Major-General Calcraft's orders to the officers of this garrison that when they appear in their uniforms their dress is to be in accordance with the King's Regulations and the established customs of their regiment's parade. White hats are absolutely forbid with their regimentals, nor will round hats be allowed with regimentals when they are not established by the colonel or commanding officer of the corps."

A good deal of information about the dress of the period is contained in an order issued on the 11th August, 1782 :—

"The line to be under arms to-morrow at a quarter before one o'clock, formed in front of the Lines, to fire three volleys in honour of the Prince of Wales' Birthday. Three rounds of twenty-one guns will also be fired from the Lines. The officers to appear in their new epaulettes and the officers of the flank companies in their new wings; to wear their hair queued, except the flank companies. Boots with turned-up tops. Plain white roses or ribbands in their gorgets. The above is the regulation for all public and field days. The sergeants to have their hair queued. The men to be well shaved and powdered, and their hair neatly tied up with the uniform leathers provided for that purpose. They are to wear coats, new hats, long gaiters with round tops and black garters, and the gaiters must be well put on and well blacked."

Preparing for a "powder field-day" was a big undertaking, as the men had to be provided with twelve or

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fifteen rounds of blank ammunition. For this purpose the Quartermaster of each regiment drew, the evening before, three barrels of powder from the magazine, as well as paper with which to make up the cartridges, and one flint per man. But, as often as not, the field-day was ordered to be "without powder; wooden snappers in the fire-locks." During August numerous field-days took place, and a general brushing up went on, preparatory to the inspection of the Commander-in-Chief, who had notified his intention of visiting Chatham early in September. On the evening of the 5th of that month, the following order was issued:—

"General Conway being expected at the Crown at Rochester by ten o'clock to-morrow, a Captain's Guard of the 52nd Regiment, consisting of one Captain, one Lieutenant, and one Ensign, with colours, Non-commissioned officers in proportion, and fifty Private Men, to mount upon the Commander-in-Chief, and be ready to receive him on his arrival at the Crown at Rochester."

The grand review, which took place on the 7th, was evidently a cut-and-dried affair, and on such occasions each item in the programme was commenced on the firing of a gun, which is apparent from the orders issued for this particular review: "The eldest Major is to command the signal guns. The General Salute after marching past is to be left out. Therefore, after the line is formed when marched past, the first signal gun will be to prime and load and close ranks; the next gun for the firings, etc., as usual." All went well; the Commander-in-Chief expressed his approval of everything that he saw; and the next day Major-General Calcraft published an order in which he congratulated the troops, and granted them the indulgence which he had promised if the review should pass off successfully: "as many men

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as the Commanding Officer of each regiment could spare were to be permitted to go to harvest work."

Harvesting by soldiers went on for many years after this, and was much appreciated by the farmers, who, unable to obtain sufficient labourers to gather in their crops, were only too glad to pay the soldiers well for their services. Yet, in spite of this, relations between the farmers of the neighbourhood and the Chatham troops were never of the best, and it would seem that the officers of the garrison were to a certain extent responsible for the bad feeling shown by the farmers, otherwise General Calcraft would not have given them the following caution: "The neighbouring farmers having made complaints that officers with pointers and greyhounds trespass upon them by riding into the standing corn, beans, etc., the Major-General thinks it his duty to inform officers that this is a neighbourhood where a Red Coat must not expect the greatest indulgence from the farmer. A trespass may be attended with expenses and consequences very disagreeable to the officers." The soldiers also were warned not to go off the paths through the fields, for the farmers constantly complained "of the irregular behaviour of the troops in breaking their fences and taking their property."

Probably with a view to appeasing the country people as well as to providing cheap provisions for the troops, the General instituted a bi-weekly market in the Lines for the sale of all articles required for the men's messing. Apparently a bread ration was the only Government issue, and everything else had to be bought. Marketing, therefore, was an important business, and a subaltern from each regiment had to march the company buyers to market. Of what the men's meals consisted is not very clear; they certainly had no luxuries; for in those days such things as tea and sugar were only for the

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wealthy. General Calcraft made the soldiers' food a special care, and he frequently issued orders containing suggestions about it. He thus describes what was officially termed "ammunition bread": "A well-baked loaf of bread weighing 6 lbs. to be delivered to each man every fourth day. It is to be made of flour of good English wheat, out of which the first bran is to be taken by means of an eight shilling cloth."

A camp kettle, or in other words a cooking pot, was provided for every nine men, and in this they cooked their dinner. As showing how the 52nd fared in 1782, the following is perhaps of interest:—

"The messing of a regiment being so essential to the health of a soldier, the Major-General does not doubt but that the colonels and officers commanding corps will make it a principal object of their attention. The two following recipes for filling a camp kettle, both for cheapness and health, are offered for a mess of nine men to a camp kettle: *Mutton Kettle.*—4½ lbs. mutton, 1*s.* 3¼*d.*; oatmeal, 1*d.*; salt and cabbage, 1½*d.*; total cost for nine men, 1*s.* 5¾*d.* *Suet Kettle.*—2 lbs. mutton suet, 8*d.*; cabbage, 2*d.*; oatmeal, 1*d.*; onions, ½*d.*; pepper and salt, 1½*d.*; total cost for nine men, 1*s.* 1*d.* *N.B.* Every man to put in a slice of his loaf ten minutes before the kettles are taken off.

"The Major-General will thank any officer, non-commissioned officer, or soldier, who can inform him of any improvement on the foregoing recipes either in point of cheapness or more palatable."

Early in September a captain of the 52nd was told off to command an escort, consisting of 2 subalterns, 3 sergeants, 5 corporals, and 50 privates, and to conduct a party of Dutch prisoners from the prison-ship to Winchester. "Each man to be furnished with 12 rounds of ball cartridges. One man per company to be sent to

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make cartridges, and three men to be added to the rear-guard, so as to give a sentinel over the cartridge makers."

On the 9th September, 1782, the following appeared in Garrison orders: "It is His Majesty's pleasure that the 52nd Regiment takes the name of the OXFORDSHIRE REGIMENT." But no further mention was made, in Chatham orders, of this new title, and the Regiment was still described as the 52nd. As to the Regiment itself, there is nothing to show that the officers or men cared one way or another, and it is likely enough that they considered the county designation an empty honour. Although in the Army List "Oxfordshire" appeared in brackets after 52nd, it is certain that neither officially nor unofficially was the county title ever referred to, either by the military authorities or by private individuals, until Captain Moorsom, in 1860, caused to be printed on the back of his great work "Historical Record of the Oxfordshire Light Infantry." Why this was done no one can now say; but the fact remains that it was a remarkable foreshadowing of events, for exactly ninety-nine years after the county title was first bestowed upon the Regiment it became the one and only official title.

The 52nd remained at Chatham until the end of the year, and in December received orders to prepare for foreign service. In February, 1783, the Regiment, upwards of a thousand strong, sailed for India, and it may be mentioned that, after spending fifteen and a half years abroad, it returned direct to Chatham Barracks, with its strength reduced to one hundred and sixty-six men.

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THE YOUNGEST 43RD OFFICER, 1795.

IN the Alphabetical Roll at the end of Levinge's "Records of the 43rd Light Infantry," there appear the names Vignoles—one without any Christian name, and the other Charles Henry.

Charles Henry Vignoles entered the 43rd as Ensign in November, 1775; Lieutenant, May, 1780; Adjutant, February, 1785; Captain, September, 1787; and died of fever in the West Indies, 10th June, 1793.

He left a widow, and a son, born within a few weeks of his father's death; and on the circumstances becoming known to the General Officer Commanding in the West Indies, he bestowed a commission, as Ensign in his father's old Regiment, on the boy, Charles Blacker Vignoles, who was duly gazetted Ensign, 43rd Regiment, 14th April, 1795.

Charles Blacker Vignoles was at the time *less than two years old*, and he drew the full pay of his rank until the 8th September, 1795, when he was placed on half-pay while his education was being attended to. On the 13th January, 1814, he was appointed Ensign in the Royal Scots; promoted Lieutenant, 12th October, 1815; and placed on half-pay, 25th May, 1816. After this, he adopted engineering as a profession, and he became one of the most eminent civil engineers of the early 19th century, as recorded in the "Dictionary of National Biography." [1]

The grant of a commission to a baby may appear somewhat remarkable, but it was by no means uncommon in the 18th century, and it is recorded that the son of

[1] Kindly communicated by Charles Dalton, Esq.—ED.

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Colonel Kirke (of "Kirke's Lambs") was given a commission when only a year old, was a Captain when eight years old, and ten years later joined his regiment as senior Captain. In the case of Ensign Vignoles, his commission was probably given to him as a "compassionate allowance" for himself and his mother, for a commission in those days had a considerable saleable value.

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52ND GAZETTES, 1805–1806.*

(From John Frederick Ewart's Note Book.)

N.B.—The figures affixed to the names refer to the Editorial Note at the end of the article.

1805.

31*st January.*—Ensign T. H. H. Davies to be Lieutenant by purchase, *vice* Hunter, who retires.

William Fisher[1] to be Ensign, *vice* Davies.

14*th February.*—Ensign G. Gibbons to be Lieutenant, *vice* O'Meara, appointed to the 64th Foot.

Ensign C. Diggle to be Lieutenant, *vice* Douglas.

John Wallis[2] to be Ensign, *vice* Gibbons.

John MacDonald to be Ensign, *vice* Diggle.

Lieutenant Roger Tomlin to be Captain of a Company, without purchase, in the Royal Regiment of Malta.

28*th February.*—Quartermaster Pierce Butler[3] to be Paymaster to the 2nd Battalion.

14*th March.*—James Macnair[4] to be Ensign without purchase, *vice* Pitcairn, deceased.

Hospital Mate George Studs to be Assistant Surgeon, *vice* Milbourn, who retires.

21*st March.*—Ensign Jenkin to be Lieutenant without purchase, *vice* Tomlin, promoted.

Theophilus Gifford[5] to be Ensign, *vice* Williams, who resigns.

28*th March.*—Lieutenant Samuel Barker, from the 18th Foot, to be Lieutenant without purchase.

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4*th April*.—Quartermaster John Campbell, of the late 1st Garrison Battalion, to be Quartermaster, *vice* Butler, appointed Paymaster.

Lieutenant Octavian Reynolds to be Captain of a Company in Colonel Bayly's Regiment.

25*th April*.—Major the Hon. Hugh Arbuthnott,[6] from the 31st Foot, to be Major, *vice* Sir William Burdett, who exchanges.

28*th April*.—Archibald Montgomery[7] to be Ensign without purchase, *vice* Campbell, promoted.

29*th April*.—Charles Booth[8] to be Ensign without purchase, *vice* Spottiswoode.

30*th April*.—Ensign John Shedden to be Lieutenant without purchase, *vice* Reynolds.

George Black to be Ensign, *vice* Shedden.

1*st May*.—Ensign Hon. Henry Powys to be Lieutenant without purchase.

James Dick[9] to be Ensign without purchase, *vice* Powys.

9*th May*.—Lieutenant William John Chetwynd to be Captain of a Company without purchase.

23*rd May*.—Lieutenant Henry Wallis to be Adjutant, *vice* Chetwynd, promoted.

Edward Langton[10] to be Ensign, *vice* Jenkin, promoted.

6*th June*.—The following Ensigns to be Lieutenants without purchase: William Brownlow, J. F. Love, George Young.

The following to be Ensigns without purchase: Ensign R. Burnett,[11] from the 78th Foot; William Rentall,[12] *vice* Love.

20*th June*.—Assistant-Surgeon Scrope Hutchinson[13] to be Surgeon.

The following Hospital Mates to be Assistant Surgeons: John Maling,[14] John Williams, Thomas Walker.[15]

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4th July.—The following Ensigns to be Lieutenants without purchase: William Fisher, John Wallis, John Macdonald, James Macnair, Theophilus Gifford, Archibald Montgomery, Charles Booth, George Black.

The following to be Ensigns without purchase: William Johnson, Frederick Macnamara,[16] Henry Dawson [17] (from the 43rd), Thomas E. Napier,[18] Thomas Lay.

9th July.—John Cross,[19] to be Ensign without purchase, *vice* Macnair, promoted.

10th July.—James Ormsby [20] to be Ensign without purchase, *vice* Gifford, promoted.

Lieutenant C. C. Mackay [21] to be Captain of a Company (without purchase) in the 78th Regiment.

11th July.—Ensign James Dick to be Lieutenant, *vice* Montgomery, who resigns.

Richard Monins [22] to be Ensign without purchase.

Lieutenant William S. Madden [23] to be Captain of a Company without purchase.

Lieutenant James Hunter Currie,[24] from the 9th Foot, to be Captain of a Company.

18th July.—James Wilson to be Ensign without purchase, *vice* Booth, promoted.

Surgeon David Slow to be Surgeon in the Royal Regiment of Horse Guards.

25th July.—Ensign Edward Langton to be Lieutenant, *vice* Mackay, promoted.

Henry Temple to be Ensign.

3rd August.—Augustus Harvest [25] to be Ensign.

11th September.—Ensign Robert O'Hara,[26] from the 15th Foot, to be Ensign without purchase.

Edward Abney to be Ensign by purchase.

3rd October.—Lieutenant George Gibbons to be Lieutenant without purchase in the 28th Foot.

14th November.—Ensign Henry Dawson to be Lieutenant by purchase, *vice* Jackson, who retires.

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23*rd November*.—Captain the Hon. Charles Stanhope to be Aide-de-Camp to Lieut.-General Sir John Moore.

1806.

23*rd January*.—Volunteer Lord James Hay[27] to be Ensign without purchase, *vice* Macnamara, who resigns.

5*th February*.—Ensign William Johnson to be Lieutenant without purchase, *vice* Campbell, who retires.

16*th April*.—Lieutenant John Frederick Ewart to be Captain of a Company in the 3rd Garrison Regiment.

NOTE BY THE EDITOR.

The services of many of the officers mentioned above were given in last year's CHRONICLE. The following notes deal with the services of the other officers whose names appear in the extracts from Gazettes of 1805–1806:—

1. WILLIAM FISHER served with the 52nd during the retreat to and battle of Corunna, but left the Regiment soon afterwards. He was alive in 1848, when he received the Peninsular Medal with clasp for Corunna.

2. JOHN WALLIS served in Sicily and in the Corunna Campaign. His younger brother, Henry Wallis, was Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion 52nd, and his cousin, Harry Wallis, was also in the Regiment.

3. PIERCE BUTLER was promoted from the ranks, Quartermaster 52nd, 25th October, 1797. He served with the Regiment in Hindoostan and in the Peninsula.

4. JAMES MACNAIR (also spelt McNair) served with the expedition to Sweden (1808), and in the retreat to and battle of Corunna. He also served with the 52nd in the Peninsular War up to the assault of Badajoz, where, as one of the storming party, he was severely wounded. Promoted Captain 52nd, 11th May, 1812. Commanded his company of the 52nd at the battle of

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Waterloo, and received the Waterloo Medal. Major 52nd, 22nd April, 1822. Promoted Lieut.-Colonel and to the command of the 73rd Regiment, 3rd August, 1830. Knight of Hanover. Died at Greenfield, near Glasgow, 15th April, 1836.

5. THEOPHILUS GIFFORD was Captain George Napier's subaltern during the earlier affairs of the Peninsular War, and was killed, at Cazal Novo, on the 14th March, 1811. In Sir George Napier's Autobiography is the following description of Gifford's death :—

It was now about mid-day, and as my men had nearly expended all their ammunition, I was giving some directions to my lieutenant, Gifford—he was a few steps before me, and I had just turned round—when I saw some Frenchmen, who were concealed among the bushes, start up, and as poor Gifford's back was turned towards them while he was receiving orders from me, the muzzles of their muskets were within two or three yards of his head, when they fired, and he fell! I rushed forward, caught him up in my arms, when to my horror his head fell back and his brains literally splashed on the ground! My excellent and valued friend was a corpse! The back of his skull was blown off! Some of my men who saw the whole thing at the same instant, dashing forward, plunged their bayonets into the Frenchmen's bodies and revenged the death of their officer. I laid his body gently on the ground; the soldiers wrapped it up in his cloak, and under a heavy fire from the enemy dug a grave in the sandy soil, and in this rough but glorious sepulchre were deposited the remains of Theophilus Gifford, as honourable, generous, gallant, and guileless a soldier as ever the fate of war cut off in the prime of youth, health, and spirits! The soldiers then fired a volley over his grave, which volley carried death to some brave fellows in the enemy's ranks, and thus in the space of a quarter of an hour finished the life and funeral of my friend! To this hour, when the circumstances of that melancholy day come to my recollection, it affects me deeply, though it is now near twenty years since it happened. But such is *la fortune de la guerre*, and soldiers must make up their minds to submit to all these sorrowful occurrences in their profession.

6. HON. HUGH ARBUTHNOTT, previous to being promoted into the 52nd, had served at the Helder in 1799, as well as in the expedition to the Baltic and battle of

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Copenhagen, 1801. With the 52nd, he was present at the siege and capture of Copenhagen in 1807; in the expedition to Sweden in 1808; and in the retreat to and battle of Corunna. He subsequently served in the Peninsula, commanded the 52nd at the battle of Busaco, and was present at the battle of Fuentes d'Onor. He received the Naval War Medal for Copenhagen (1801), the Gold Medal for Busaco, the silver Peninsular Medal, with clasps for Corunna and Fuentes d'Onor, and the C.B. At the time of his death he was a General, and Colonel of the 38th Regiment.

7. ARCHIBALD MONTGOMERY never joined the Regiment.

8. CHARLES BOOTH saw much fighting in the Peninsula, and was killed at the storming of Badajoz. A full account of his services was given in the CHRONICLE, 1894, page 175.

9. JAMES DICK saw service in the Peninsular War.

10. EDWARD LANGTON was born in 1789, and served with the 52nd in the Peninsula, taking part in the retreat to and battle of Corunna, and being present at the battles of Fuentes d'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, and Salamanca. He commanded a company at the battle of Waterloo, and subsequently retired as a Captain. He received the Waterloo Medal and the Peninsular Medal with four clasps. Died 1860.

11. ROBERT BURNETT. In the CHRONICLE, 1907, we gave a portrait of Ensign Robert Ramsay. The title should have been Ensign Robert Burnett, and the date 1805, instead of 1800. Robert Burnett afterwards changed his named to Ramsay, and in 1807 was promoted Captain into the 14th Foot, with which regiment he saw much service.

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12. WILLIAM RENTALL served with the 52nd throughout the Peninsular War, and was severely wounded while commanding his company at the battle of the Nivelle. He retired as a Captain, and died before the issue of the Peninsular Medals.

13. SCROPE HUTCHINSON was appointed Assistant Surgeon 52nd, 12th February, 1801, and served with the Regiment in the retreat to and battle of Corunna, for which he received the Peninsular Medal and clasp.[1]

14. JOHN MALING was promoted Surgeon, 15th June, 1809. He served in the Peninsula with the 52nd, and "was much esteemed for his care of the wounded."

15. THOMAS WALKER, Physician to the Forces and Surgeon of the 52nd, served with the Regiment at Copenhagen (1807) and was present at the action of Kioge. He accompanied the 52nd to the Peninsula in 1808, and was present at the battle of Vimiera, afterwards taking part in the Corunna Campaign with Craufurd's flank brigade. Made the forced march to Talavera; was placed in charge of the men wounded in that battle, and left behind to attend to them, on the departure of Wellington's army. While performing this duty, he was made a prisoner by the enemy, as the Spanish General Cuesta, who had been detailed for the protection of the sick and wounded, withdrew his troops without orders, and hurried after Wellington. The French subsequently released Dr. Walker and he was present at Fuentes d'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, and Vittoria. He received the Peninsular Medal with 6 clasps, and "was much esteemed in the 52nd for his prompt arrangements and care of the wounded." Sir George Napier was much attached to

[1] The present Major-General Charles Scrope Hutchinson, C.B., late R.E., is his youngest son, and was born in 1827.—ED.

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him, and, in describing the assault of Ciudad Rodrigo, he says: "While waiting for orders, I told a friend of mine, the assistant-surgeon of the 52nd, Mr. Walker, that I had an idea I should lose my arm, and, if so, I hoped he would perform the operation of taking it off." A few minutes later Napier led the storming party up the breach, and when about two-thirds of the way up was struck by a grape shot, which smashed his elbow and the greater part of his arm. After a while he was borne away to rear, to have his wound attended to. "It soon came to my turn," he continues, "to have my arm amputated, and I then reminded my friend Walker, who was there, of his promise to me a few hours before, and begged he would be so good as to perform the operation; but he told me he could not, as there was a staff-surgeon present, whose rank being higher it was necessary he should do it, so Staff-Surgeon Guthrie cut it off." Thomas Walker was afterwards attached, for nearly twenty years, to the British Embassy at St. Petersburg.

16. FREDERICK MACNAMARA resigned his commission within a few months.

17. HENRY DAWSON commanded his company of the 52nd in the several affairs of the Peninsular War up to the retreat from Madrid (1812). He particularly distinguished himself at the combat on the Coa, outside Almeida, on which occasion he and half his company were accidentally left behind in occupation of an advanced post, when Craufurd withdrew his troops across the river. Dawson, however, was favoured by fortune, for the enemy passed him by unobserved, and, under cover of darkness, he was able to beat a retreat and eventually rejoin the Regiment. He was killed while fighting a rear-guard action on the banks of the Huebra, in November, 1812.

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18. THOMAS E. NAPIER served with the 52nd at the siege of Copenhagen and action of Kioge (1807). Was A.D.C. to Sir John Hope in the expedition to Sweden (1808), and in the retreat to and battle of Corunna. He served on the staff in Sicily in 1810, and throughout the Peninsular War, being present at the defence of Cadiz, the second siege of Badajoz, the battles of Fuentes d'Onor, Salamanca, Vittoria, the Nivelle, and the Nive. He was severely wounded (arm amputated) at the Nive, and he received the Peninsular Medal with 7 clasps. Later in life he held many high appointments; was A.A.G. in Ireland; and commanded districts both in Ireland and in Scotland. At the time of his death, Sir Thomas Napier was a Lieut.-General, Colonel of the 71st Regiment, and a K.C.B. [This was the "Cousin Tom" often referred to by Sir George and Sir William Napier.]

19. JOHN CROSS was promoted Lieut., 52nd, 29th May 1806; Captain, 31st December, 1812; Major, 23rd June, 1825. He accompanied the Regiment to Sweden (1808), and served with it in the retreat to and battle of Corunna. He made the march to Talavera, and was with the 52nd throughout the Peninsular War, being present at the following battles and sieges, besides many minor actions: Busaco, Fuentes d'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nivelle, Nive, Orthes, Toulouse. A slight wound, in March, 1811, when in pursuit of Massena, was the worst that happened to him, and he eventually received the Peninsular Medal with 10 clasps—the greatest number recorded as having been granted to any 52nd officer for services performed entirely with the Regiment. He commanded his company at the battle of Waterloo, and received the Waterloo Medal. He is said to have written up the

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official account of the Peninsular services of the 52nd for the orderly room copy of the Records; and he published, in 1823, "A System of Drill and Manœuvres as practised in the 52nd Light Infantry." After continuing to serve with the 52nd in England and Canada, Major Cross was promoted Lieut.-Colonel and selected for the command of the 68th Light Infantry. In 1843, he retired as a Colonel; was a Knight of Hanover; and for some time was Lieut.-Governor, commanding the forces in Jamaica. He died, 27th September, 1850, aged 63.

20. JAMES ORMSBY was promoted Lieut., 52nd, 17th December, 1806. He served with the Regiment in the Corunna Campaign, and was severely wounded at the battle of Corunna.

21. C. C. MACKAY (or McKay). Sir William Napier said of him: "Died a Colonel. Desperately wounded and made prisoner by the Turks." No further information concerning his services is forthcoming.

22. RICHARD MONINS served with the 52nd in the retreat to and battle of Corunna, and left the Regiment soon afterwards. He was alive in 1848, when he received the Peninsular Medal, with clasp for Corunna. This medal is now in the 52nd Officers' Mess.

23. WILLIAM STERLING MADDEN (son of Major William Molesworth Madden, of the 52nd, afterwards Barrack-Master of Chichester, who died in 1820) commanded a company of the 52nd in the Peninsular War up to the assault of Badajoz (1812), when he was killed in storming the breach. He had two brothers in the Light Division, viz.: Wyndham Carlyon Madden, a distinguished officer of the 43rd, who was wounded at Badajoz and on two other occasions, and who subse-

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quently took Holy Orders; and Edward Madden, of the 95th Rifles (Rifle Brigade), who died in 1819, from the effects of the hardships of his campaigns. A tablet to the memory of Major W. M. Madden and two of his sons is in Chichester Cathedral.

24. JAMES HUNTER CURRIE commanded a company of the 52nd in most of the battles and sieges of the Peninsular War; wounded at the Huebra (November, 1812), and killed at the head of his company at the battle of Vittoria. In Moorsom's "Historical Record of the 52nd" (page 191) will be found an appreciation of his character and of his services.

25. AUGUSTUS HARVEST was promoted Lieut., 52nd, 6th January, 1808, and served with the Regiment in the Peninsula until 1813, when he was killed while storming the breach of St. Sebastian. His brother, Horatio Harvest, of the 43rd, had been killed, in the previous year, while leading the Forlorn Hope at Badajoz.

26. ROBERT O'HARA was promoted Lieut., 52nd, 3rd December, 1807, and served with the Regiment in the Peninsula, greatly distinguishing himself in the combat at Sabugal, and being present at the battles of Vimiera, Busaco, and Fuentes d'Onor. He was promoted into the 88th Regiment, to the command of which he attained; and he received the Peninsular Medal with 3 clasps.

27. LORD JAMES HAY served throughout the Peninsular War, and was present at the battles of Vimiera, Talavera, Busaco, Fuentes d'Onor, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nivelle, and Nive, for which he received the medal with 8 clasps. He also served at Waterloo (though not with the 52nd), and received the Waterloo Medal. He died a Lieut.-General, Companion of the Bath, and Colonel of the 86th Regiment.

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This concludes the "Gazettes" entered in Captain J. F. Ewart's Note Book, and the interest in them lies in the fact that they refer altogether to officers trained by Sir John Moore at Shorncliffe Camp. Of those officers and of the training carried out by Moore at that camp we have frequently made mention in the CHRONICLE; yet we think that the following opinions expressed by two well-known 43rd officers are worth quoting. In the "Life of Sir Charles Napier," written in 1857 by his brother, Sir William, occurs this passage:—

To awaken the faculties of those under him, inspiring and teaching, was one of Sir John Moore's qualifications for command. At Shorncliffe Camp he devised such improvements in drill, discipline, dress, arms, formation and movements, as would have placed him for military reforms beside the Athenian Iphicrates, if he had not the greater glory of dying like the Spartan Brasidas. His materials were the 43rd, 52nd and Rifle Regiment, and he so fashioned them, that afterwards, as the Light Division under Wellington, they were found to be soldiers unsurpassable, perhaps never equalled. The separate successful careers of the officers strikingly attest the merits of the school. So long a list of notable men could not be presented by three regiments of any service in the world. In it will be found above ninety who attained the rank of field-officer or higher grades, and amongst them four who commanded armies, three being celebrated as conquerors; two Adjutants-General of the British Army, three military secretaries, sixteen governors of colonies, and the two organisers of the Metropolitan and Irish Constabulary; many Generals who have commanded districts, one who commanded a foreign army, and several persons noted in science and literature, or by peculiar missions and organisations, belong to the roll: and nearly all were of some fame in battle, though unequal in merit and reputation.[1]

From three infantry regiments, obscure until Moore took them in hand, went forth this crowd of men, skilled to gain authority and public notice without political or family interest, save in a very few cases. Certainly it was a great school, and Moore's teaching is thus well described by one of his scholars, and one not amongst the least capable of great actions, if fortune had not been adverse.

[1] The list of these officers appeared in the CHRONICLE, 1898, pp. 152–161.—ED.

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Here Sir William Napier quotes from a letter written to him by Sir J. P. Hopkins, who, as a Captain of the 43rd, saw much service in the Peninsula, and whose opinion is therefore of value. He wrote :—

It pleases me that you design to notice that real camp of instruction—Shorn Cliff. There officers were formed for command, and soldiers acquired such discipline as to become an example to the Army and proud of their profession. The details of Moore's system, from the setting up of a recruit to the movement of a brigade, you are well acquainted with ; but though drill was an important part of the instruction, it was not, as you also know, by that alone the soldier was there formed. It was the internal and moral system, the constant superintendence of the officers, the real government and responsibility of the captains, which carried the discipline to such perfection. My opinion of discipline is so strong, that I must speak of it. I rank it higher for the well-being of an army than any other consideration ; very far above that of being present at many battles, for battles with the respect to the soldiers can only be the test of discipline. When the Light Division joined the army at Talavera, it had not been engaged with the enemy, while the army it joined had been engaged on the Douro and the Tagus, yet was inferior in discipline for war, seeing that its piquets were often in scrapes, and at Talavera a brigade had been surprised. But the men of the Light Division, though new to war, were looked up to from the day of junction as the *veterans of the army!* And by their discipline they sustained that character throughout the war, committing no blunders, and showing themselves the same orderly soldiers on the breach as in the line. To this may be added that the Light Division, though always on the outposts, in most difficult situations, never lost any baggage, except on the retreat from Salamanca, when some French horsemen, pressing the British cavalry in a wood, got into the rear of the Division and cut off *two mules!*

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CAPTAIN DANIEL GARDNER,

43RD LIGHT INFANTRY.

Killed at the Battle of Talavera,
28th July, 1809,
when Major of Brigade to General Stuart.

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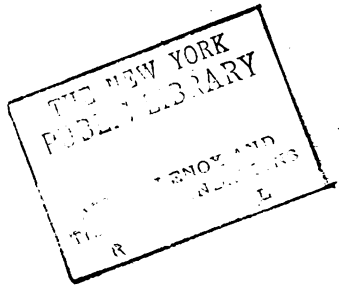
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A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

Summary of Regimental Events of 1812.

When the year opened, the 43rd and the two battalions of the 52nd were still in cantonments in the villages near Ciudad Rodrigo, busily employed in making gabions and fascines for the siege of that fortress.

8th January.—The investment was completed, and the Siege of Ciudad Rodrigo forthwith commenced. The Light Division, having assembled at El Boden, marched north, and, together with Pack's Portuguese, forded the Agueda river and got into position beyond the Great Teson ridge. At nightfall, orders were issued for the Assault of the Francisco Redoubt. Colonel Colborne was placed in command of the assaulting column, which consisted of two companies of the 43rd, the 95th, of each battalion of the 52nd, and of the Caçadores, and the redoubt was surprised and captured after a short resistance.

During the next few days siege trenches were pushed forward rapidly, batteries erected, and the walls of the fortress breached.

19th January.—Storming of Ciudad Rodrigo. The Light Division stormed the lesser breach, Major George Napier (52nd) commanding the stormers, and Lieutenant Gurwood (52nd) the Forlorn Hope. The fortress was captured in half-an-hour. Major-General Robert Craufurd, commanding the Light Division, was mortally wounded. Of the 43rd, one officer and 14 men were killed, and two officers and 37 men were wounded. Of the 52nd, one officer and eight men were killed, and five officers and 38 men were wounded.

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20*th January*.—The Light Division returned to El Boden.

25*th January*.—The Light Division marched to Ciudad Rodrigo, to be present at the funeral of General Craufurd, who was buried in the lesser breach of the fortress.

25*th February*.—The 2nd Battalion of the 52nd was drafted into the 1st Battalion, when the headquarters of the 2nd Battalion and all unserviceable men of the Regiment returned to England.

26*th February*.—Marched from Ciudad Rodrigo towards Badajoz.

16*th March*.—Reached Elvas.

17*th March*.—Crossed the Guadiana river, and took up a position on the extreme left of the army investing Badajoz. Siege trenches at once commenced.

25*th March*.—The 52nd stormed and carried the outwork of Fort PICURINA, having two officers wounded, and 34 rank and file killed or wounded.

6*th April*.—STORMING OF BADAJOZ, in which nearly half the Light Division fell, dead or wounded. Colonel Macleod in command of the 43rd, and Lieutenant H. Harvest (43rd) commanding the Forlorn Hope, were killed. Altogether the losses in the 43rd amounted to 20 officers and 335 rank and file, and in the 52nd to 19 officers and 334 rank and file.

11*th April*.—Marched from Badajoz towards Ciudad Rodrigo.

25*th April*.—Went into cantonments at El Boden and Guinaldo.

11*th June*.—Marched towards Salamanca, and for the following month skirmished with Marmont's rearguard.

22*nd July*.—BATTLE OF SALAMANCA.

6*th August*.—Commenced the march on Madrid, which

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was occupied, almost without opposition, within the week. The Light Division then went into cantonments in the neighbourhood of the capital, occasionally changing quarters.

31*st October*.—Madrid evacuated, the Light Division forming the rear-guard of the army withdrawing to Salamanca.

7*th November*.—Rejoined Wellington's army at Alba de Tormes.

15*th November*.—Commenced the retreat towards Ciudad Rodrigo, the Light Division as rear-guard.

17*th November*.—The pursuing French attacked the rear-guard at the Huebra river, and killed one officer and one sergeant of the 43rd, and one officer and two men of the 52nd, the two Regiments losing also 4 officers and 41 men wounded, and 47 men taken prisoners.

19*th November*.—Reached Ciudad Rodrigo, and took up winter quarters for the remainder of the year.

During this eventful year the 43rd and 52nd had assisted in the capture of the two strongest fortresses in the Peninsula, fought in one decisive battle and in many minor actions, occupied the capital of Spain, and marched certainly no fewer than one thousand miles. Of the two Regiments, there fell fighting—some killed, some wounded—upwards of 55 officers and 900 non-commissioned officers and men. How many others died of disease or were invalided is not known.

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THE STORMING OF BADAJOZ, 1812.

Narrative of Lieutenant J. H. Cooke, 43rd Light Infantry.

On the 6th April the day was fine, and all the soldiers in good spirits, cleaning themselves as if for a review. About two o'clock I saw Lieutenant Harvest, of our Regiment; he was sucking an orange, and walking on a rising ground, alone, and very thoughtful. It gave me pain, as I knew he was to lead the Forlorn Hope. He observed, "My mind is made up; I am sure to be killed." [1]

At half-past eight that night, the ranks were formed, and the roll called in an undertone. Lieutenant-Colonel Macleod spoke long and earnestly to the Regiment before it joined the Division, expressing the utmost confidence in the result of the attack, and finishing by repeating that he left it to the honour of all persons to preserve discipline, and not to commit any cruelty on the defenceless inhabitants of the town.

The Division drew up in the most profound silence behind the large quarry, three hundred yards from the *three* breaches, which had been made in the bastions of La Trinidad and Santa Maria. A small stream separated us from the 4th Division. Suddenly, a voice was heard from that direction, giving orders about ladders, so loud that it might be heard by the enemy on the ramparts. It was the only voice that broke on

[1] He was killed; and his twin brother, of the 52nd Light Infantry, fell, two years after, at St. Sebastian, also at the head of about twenty-five volunteers from that Regiment.—J. H. C.

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the stillness of the moment; everybody was indignant, and Colonel Macleod sent an officer to say that he would report the circumstance to the General-in-Chief. I looked up the side of the quarry, fully expecting to see the enemy come forth and derange the plan of attack. It was at half-past nine this happened, but, at a quarter before ten, the ill-timed noise ceased and nothing could be heard but the loud croaking of the frogs.

At ten, a carcass was thrown from the town; this was a most beautiful firework, and illuminated the ground for many hundred yards; two or three fire-balls followed, and, after falling in different directions, showed a bright light, and remained burning. The stillness that followed was the prelude to one of the strangest scenes that the imagination of man can conceive.

Soon after ten o'clock, a little whispering announced that the Forlorn Hope were stealing forward, followed by the storming parties, composed of three hundred men (one hundred from each British regiment of our Division). In two minutes the Division followed, with the exception of the two regiments of the Portuguese Caçadores, who were left in reserve in the quarries, but many of whom afterwards came towards the breaches. One musket-shot—*no more*—was fired by a French soldier, who was on the look-out. We gained ground leisurely but silently; there were no obstacles. The 52nd, 43rd, and part of the Rifle Corps closed gradually up to column of quarter distance, left in front; all was hushed, and the town lay buried in gloom; the ladders were placed on the edge of the ditch, when suddenly an explosion took place at the foot of the breaches, and a burst of light disclosed the whole scene; the earth seemed to rock under us; and what a sight! The ramparts crowded with the enemy, the French soldiers standing on the parapets; the 4th Division advancing

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rapidly in column of companies on a quarter circle to our right, while the short-lived glare, from the barrels of powder and combustibles flying into the air, gave to friends and foes a look as if both bodies of troops were laughing at each other.

A tremendous firing now opened on us, and for an instant we were stationary; but the troops were noways daunted. The only three ladders were placed down the scarp to descend into the ditch, and were found exactly opposite the centre breach, and the whole Division rushed to the assault with amazing resolution. There was no check. The soldiers flew down the ladders and the cheering from both sides was loud and full of confidence.

While descending the ladders into the ditch, furious blows were exchanged amongst the troops in their eagerness to get forward; at the same time grape and musketry tore open their ranks. The first officer I happened to see down was Captain Fergusson, who had led on our storming party here, and at Rodrigo; he was lying to the right of the ladders, with a wound on the head, and holding a bloody handkerchief in his grasp. He had also two unhealed body wounds open, which he had received at Rodrigo, and one in the trenches at Badajoz a few days before.

The French were then handing over the fire-balls which produced a sort of revolving light. The ditch was very wide, and when I arrived at the foot of the centre breach, eighty or ninety men were formed. One cried out, "Who will lead?" This was the work of a moment. Death, and the most dreadful sounds and cries encompassed us. It was a volcano. Up we went; some killed, and others impaled on the bayonets of their own comrades, or hurled headlong amongst the outrageous crowd.

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The *chevaux-de-frise* looked like innumerable bayonets. When within a yard of the top, I fell from a blow that deprived me of sensation. I only recollect feeling a soldier pulling me out of the water, where so many men were drowned. I lost my cap, but still held my sword. On recovering, I looked towards the breach. It was shining, and empty! fireballs were in plenty, and the French troops, standing upon the walls, were taunting and inviting our men to come up and try it again.

Colonel Macleod was killed while trying to force the left corner (i.e., our left as we attacked) of the large breach. He received his mortal wound within three yards of the enemy, just at the bottom of some nine-feet planks studded with nails, and hanging down the breach from under the *chevaux-de-frise.*

At half-past eleven, the firing slackened, and the French detached soldiers from the breaches to repulse the other attacks, and to endeavour to retake the castle. I heard the enemy calling out in German, "All is well in Badajoz!"

The British soldiers did as much as men could do. The woodwork of the *chevaux-de-frise* was ponderous, bristling with short, stout sword-blades fastened to it, and chained together. It was an obstacle not to be removed, and the French soldiers stood close to it killing deliberately every man who approached it. The large breach was at one time crowded with our brave troops; I mean the 4th Division—the heroes of many hard-fought victories and bloody fields. The Light Division had recently been crowned with victory; but to remove such obstacles was impracticable to living bodies pushing against them up a steep breach and sinking to the knees every step in rubbish, while a fearless enemy stood behind pushing down fragments of masonry and

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live shells, and firing bullets, fixed on the top of pieces of wood, the sides of which were indented with seven or eight buck-shot.

Generals Picton, Colville, Kempt, Bowes, Hervey, Walker, Champlemond, and almost every officer commanding regiments, besides more than three hundred officers and between four and five thousand gallant veteran soldiers, fell around these walls.

The left breach had not been attempted at all until a quarter before twelve o'clock, when Captain Shaw, of our Regiment, collected about seventy men of different regiments, and with great difficulty, after such slaughter for two hours, made a desperate effort to gain the top; but when half-way up, as if by enchantment, he stood alone. Two rounds of grape and the musketry prevented any more trouble, for almost the whole of the party lay stretched in various attitudes.

Captain Nichols, of the Engineers, was of the number; he now showed great courage; and when asked by Shaw if he would try the left breach, answered he would do anything to succeed. A grape shot went through his lungs and he died three days after.

This attack was very daring. It was a forlorn hope, under accumulated dangers; almost all the troops had retired, and a few moments before a great alarm was excited by a cry from the heaps of wounded, that the French were descending into the ditch.

The 4th and Light Division retired at midnight from the breaches, but many of the soldiers did not leave the ditch, being unable to ascend the ladders owing to the heaps of dead and wounded.

To exaggerate the picture of this sanguinary strife is impossible—the small groups of soldiers seeking shelter from the cart-wheels, pieces of timber, fire-balls and other missiles hurled down upon them; the wounded

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crawling past the fire-balls, many of them scorched and perfectly black, and covered with mud, from having fallen into the *lunette*, where three hundred soldiers were suffocated or drowned; and all this time the French on the top of the parapets, jeering and cracking their jokes, and deliberately picking off whom they chose. The troops lining the glacis could not fire sufficiently, as they were terribly exposed, and could scarcely live from the cross-fire of grape shot.

Colonel Barnard did all in his power to concentrate the different attacks. It was in vain; the difficulties were too great. But Badajoz was not the grave of the Light Division's valour, nor of the 4th Division's either.

Philippon, the Governor, a Frenchman, and our enemy, gave the full particulars of this affair to a friend of mine, while travelling in England. He said that he thought the great explosion would have finished the business, but he was astonished at the resolution of the British troops, who, he said, were fine fellows, and deserved a better fate.

The single musket-shot, fired just as the Forlorn Hope descended the ditch, was a signal of their approach, which shows how determined the French were to have a good blow-up, for not a ball was fired before the explosion. The efforts of the garrison to preserve the place did them much honour. Philippon was determined not to do as the Governor of Ciudad Rodrigo had done. Had not the Earl of Wellington planned the two extreme attacks by escalade—on the castle by the 3rd Division, and on the south side of the town by part of the 5th Division, and on Fort Pardalaras by the Portuguese, the result might have been very serious. The Duke of Dalmatia was within a few leagues, and opposite Generals Hill and Graham. The Duke of Ragusa had pushed his advanced dragoons as far as the Bridge

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of Boats at Villa Velha, and at length got entangled in the labyrinths of Portugal. I have heard and read of sitting down before a town, opening trenches, blowing up the counter-scarp, all according to rule; *but this was a crisis;* time was precious, added to which the Guadiana ran in our rear, and the pontoon bridge had been carried away once during the siege by the swelling of the river.

When the French soldiers found that the town was falling by escalade on the south side, and that the castle was lost to them, they made an attempt to retake the latter by an old gate leading towards the town; that gate was pierced by their musketry in numberless places. I never saw a target better covered with holes. The 3rd Division had in return twice discharged a gun through it, which made two large holes. An old hand-spike was placed under its breech to depress it, and remained precisely in the same way three days afterwards. The scaling ladders were well placed, five quite close together, against an old round tower. Many slain soldiers had evidently been pushed from off the parapet, and rolled nearly fifty yards down the hill. Some lay with heads battered to pieces, whilst others were doubled up, looking scarcely human, and their broken limbs twisted in all directions.

The 3rd Division had been obliged to cross the broken bridge over the small river Revellas, rank entire, amidst a shower of grape shot, bullets, and bursting of shells, and during the work of death to drag the unwieldy ladders up a rugged hill, to plant them against the walls. Their first effort failed; many of the enemy then, contrary to General Philippon's orders, evacuated the castle, and went to assist at the breaches. At this moment Lieutenant-Colonel Ridge, of the 5th Regiment, called on an officer of his corps, "There, you mount one ladder, and I will lead up the other. Come on Fifth, I am sure

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that you will follow your commanding officer." He was killed, but the place was carried.

Let us pause and reflect that this act of heroism was executed after a long and fearful struggle—high walls and defeat staring them in the face.

The place was eventually completely sacked by our troops; every atom of furniture broken; mattresses ripped open in search of treasure; and one street literally strewn with articles knee-deep. A convent was in flames, and the poor nuns in dishabille striving to burrow themselves into some place of security; however, that was impossible; the town was alive, and every house filled with mad soldiers, from the cellar to the once solitary garret.

When I examined the three breaches by day, and witnessed the defences the enemy had made for their protection, I was fully satisfied that they were impregnable to men; and I do declare most positively that I could not have surmounted the *chevaux-de-frise*, even unopposed, in the daytime.

Some talk that grappling irons would have moved them. Who would, who could have done it? thousands of warlike French soldiers standing firmly up to the points, not giving an inch, and ready for the fight. They fought in the streets to the last, and tried to retake the castle—*que voulez-vous*?

The *chevaux-de-frise* were fixed after dark. Round shot alone could have destroyed these defences, which were all chained together, and not made in a temporary manner, as most military men imagine, but strong and well finished; and the enemy, behind all, had made a deep cut, over which they had thrown planks communicating with the town, besides three field pieces to enfilade the centre breach, if the *chevaux-de-frise* should be seriously shaken. Had it not been

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for this the Divisions would have entered like a swarm of bees.

One man only was at the top of the left breach (the heaps of dead had, as a matter of course, rolled to the bottom), and that was one of the Rifle Corps who had succeeded in getting under the *chevaux-de-frise*. His head was battered to pieces, and his arms and shoulders torn asunder with bayonet wounds.

Our batteries did not play on the ramparts that night after dark; but when the explosion took place, the whole of them opened with *blank cartridge* in our rear—probably to frighten the enemy, or to make them keep down; but they were old soldiers and not to be so done.

Poor Macleod, in his 27th year, was buried half a mile from the town, on the south side, nearly opposite our camp on the slope of a hill. We did not like to take him to the miserable breach, where, from the warmth of the weather, the dead soldiers had begun to turn, and their blackened bodies had swollen enormously; we, therefore, laid him amongst some young springing corn; and, with sorrowful hearts, six of us (all that remained of the officers able to stand) saw him covered in the earth. His cap, all muddy, was handed to me, I being without one, with merely a handkerchief round my bruised head, one eye closed, and also a slight wound in my leg.

The country was open. The dead, the dying, and the wounded were scattered abroad; some in tents, others exposed to the sun by day, and the heavy dew at night. With considerable difficulty I found at length my friend Lieutenant Madden, lying in a tent with his trousers on and his shirt off, covered with blood, bandaged across the body to support his broken shoulder, laid on his back, and unable to move. He asked for his brother.

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"Why does he not come to see me?" I turned my head away; for his gallant young brother (a Captain of the 52nd) was amongst the slain.

Captain Merry, of the 52nd, was sitting on the ground sucking an orange. He said, "How are you? You see that *I* am dying; a mortification has ensued." A grape shot had shattered his knee; and he had told the doctor that he preferred death rather than to permit such a good leg to be amputated. Another officer had just breathed his last between these two sufferers.

The camp became a wilderness, some of the tents being thrown down, others vacant and flapping in the wind; while the musketry still rattled in the town, announcing the wild rejoicing of our troops.

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COLBORNE'S ORDERLY BUGLER AT WATERLOO.

SIXTY-THREE years after the battle of Waterloo there was still serving in the Antrim Rifles (Militia) Quartermaster William Chew, who in his youth had attended Sir John Colborne in the famous charge of the 52nd. Of his subsequent services in the regular army we have no record, but in March, 1859, we find that he was appointed Quartermaster of the Antrim Rifles, which appointment he held for nearly twenty years.

Colonel Willoughby Verner, who entered the Rifle Brigade in 1873 through the Militia, writes :—

"When I joined the Antrim Rifles in July, 1871, William Chew was Quartermaster, Fred. Austin of the 60th was Adjutant, and my father, an old 53rd man, was Colonel. I knew Chew intimately, and he was particularly kind to me, for he had a great affection for my father, with whom he had served for many years. He, of course, often told me tales of Waterloo and Lord *Sayton*, but, alas, in those days I did not realise the opportunity for placing on record the words of one who had charged with Colborne and the 52nd.

"Chew, as I recollect him, was a tall, spare man, with iron-grey hair, very silvery and curly at the sides of the head; and his clear-cut features and fine bearing even now come before me when I read Napier's or Butler's descriptions of the men who fought our battles a hundred years ago. He had a singularly charming manner, very gentle and courteous; and though over 70 when I knew him, he was full of energy, and hard working—and there was plenty of work to be done with a strong Militia regiment. He lived with us in Mess,

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WILLIAM CHEW.

QUARTERMASTER, ANTRIM RIFLES;
SIR J. COLBORNE'S ORDERLY BUGLER AT WATERLOO.

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and he used to take part in all our festivities. In those times the old custom of singing and speech-making, when the cloth was off the table, still survived, and when we drank to 'Our Waterloo Hero,' he would sit and bow to us, with his fine old wrinkled face flushing with pride and at the inevitable ordeal of having to make a speech to his brother officers.

"I have a photograph of the Antrims on parade in 1873, with old Chew standing in his place on the flank of the column—possibly one of the last pictures taken of a Waterloo man wearing his medal on parade."

William Chew is shown in the Waterloo Medal Roll as a Private in Captain McNair's Company of the 52nd, and if his age was then but 18, he must have been upwards of 80 years of age when he ceased to serve his country in 1878.

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WAR MEDALS OF THE REGIMENT.

"For the soldier," said the great Napoleon, "as for all men in active life, you must have glory and distinction; recompenses are the food which nourish military virtue." Yet, so opposed were the French at that time to the bestowal of anything in the shape of a distinctive decoration, that it was only with the greatest difficulty that the First Consul was able, in 1802, to institute the order of the Legion of Honour as a reward for distinguished services performed for the State. In England, also, there was a rooted objection to decorations, the distribution of which was jealously guarded, and the issue of a medal to all ranks of the Army did not come until after the battle of Waterloo.

Medals for war services, however, were not a new idea, for, in 1643, Charles I. had authorised the issue of something of the kind to men taking part in "forlorn hopes," and, seven years later, Cromwell had bestowed a special medal on the officers and men who defeated the Scots at Dunbar. After that, no general award of medals seems to have been made for many years, although medals commemorative of great naval victories were frequently struck, but presented only to the principal commanders. Such medals were not worn by the recipients, and, indeed, the first known to have been worn was the gold medal struck after the battle of Culloden (1746), and granted to commanding officers of regiments, to be worn round the neck by a crimson ribbon with a green border.

A wider distribution of war medals was initiated by the Honourable East India Company, about 1780, and from that time onwards several medals were issued to

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the native troops who took part in the various wars in India, though apparently not to the European troops until 1799, when the Seringapatum medal was granted to all troops engaged in the final operations against Tippoo, and, attached to a yellow silk cord, was worn round the neck.

There is no record of any 52nd officer or man having received a medal for services during these early Indian wars, although the 52nd fought side by side with (and more often led the way for) the native troops, who were given a special medal for the 1791–92 war against Tippoo, and another medal for the capture of the Dutch possessions in Ceylon, 1795–96. The injustice of this was not noticed at the time, and it was certainly unintentional on the part of the East India Company, for the Company had no power to bestow medals on officers and men of His Majesty's Regiments, although it could do so in the case of the H.E.I.C. Forces. But, in 1851, the Directors of the Company approached Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and obtained permission to grant a medal to survivors of British Regiments engaged in the Indian wars between 1803 and 1826.

Although the Peninsular Medal was not issued to all officers and men until 1848, we shall discuss it before the Waterloo Medal, which was struck and distributed immediately after the great battle.

Peninsular Medals.

During the war in the Peninsula there were issued for certain actions, to senior officers, Gold Medals in two sizes, the larger medals being given to Generals, and the smaller to other officers, as a rule not below the rank of Major. The medals, which differed only in size, had, on the obverse, Britannia seated, holding a laurel

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wreath, and with a lion by her side; on the reverse, a wreath of laurel surrounding the name and date of the action.[1] On the edge were engraved the rank and name of the recipient, and the ribbon from which it hung was of the "same colour as the sash, with blue edges." Generals wore their medals with the ribbon round the neck, but the smaller medals had a gold swivel and gold buckle above, and the ribbon was worn at the button-hole in full dress. In undress, the ribbon (i.e., without the medal) was sometimes worn at the button-hole, though the wearing of the ribbon without the medal never received official sanction.

As the war progressed, senior officers received several medals for different actions, and the authorities began to consider the advisability of issuing no more than one medal to an officer, engraving on it the several actions in which he served from time to time, and they even proposed to withdraw any second or subsequent medals which had already been issued. This latter proposal was, however, abandoned, and officers were allowed to retain such medals as they had received. Eventually, in 1813, regulations concerning the issue of gold medals were finally approved. It was then laid down that an officer should wear only one gold medal, upon which should be engraved the first action in which he was engaged; that for the second and the third action he should receive gold clasps, inscribed with the names of the actions. The fourth action entitled the officer to the Gold Cross, upon which were engraved all four actions, and which was to be worn in substitution of the Gold Medal and clasps previously received; and gold clasps were added to the ribbon of the Gold Cross for each subsequent action after the original four.

[1] See illustration facing page 182, CHRONICLE, 1896.

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As far as regimental officers were concerned, the Commanding Officer of a full battalion present in an action for which a commemorative medal was struck was usually recommended for the smaller Gold Medal or clasp, even though he might have been the Major temporarily in command. As a rule, no other regimental officer received the medal for services performed as such, but occasionally a Major or a Captain was given the decoration for some particularly brilliant service, such as leading a storming party. There was, of course, a good deal of luck about Majors commanding battalions in the absence of Lieut.-Colonels, and a number of Gold Medals awarded to 43rd and 52nd officers were won in this way; some few Captains of the two regiments also were granted the medal for services for which nowadays they would receive the V.C. or the D.S.O.

The battles and sieges in the Peninsula, for which Gold Medals were granted, and at which the 43rd and 52nd were present, were as follows: Vimiera, Corunna, Busaco, Fuentes d'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Pyrenees, St. Sebastian, Nivelle, Nive, Orthes, Toulouse. In addition to these, there were granted medals for Maida, Roleia, Sahagun, and other cavalry actions in the Corunna Campaign, Talavera, Barrosa, and Albuhera; and the medals (and clasps) were extended to other parts of the world, viz.: Martinique (1809), Guadaloupe (1810), Java (1811), Fort Detroit, America (1812), Chateauguay, America (1813), Chrystler's Farm, America (1813).

It is not possible to give a complete list of 43rd and 52nd officers who were granted the Gold Medal, because the records available cannot be relied upon for accuracy, and it is a little difficult to trace officers who were promoted into other regiments or removed to the staff. The names of some recipients, therefore, are probably

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not entered in any of the records which we have, and doubtless some officers died or were killed before their medals reached them. In the latter cases, the medals were handed over to the relatives of the deceased officers, for the authorities were generous enough to give the medal to the next-of-kin of an officer, even though he was killed in the action for which it was granted; but it is possible that, under such circumstances, the deceased officer's name may not have appeared in any list.

As far as we have been able to discover, no 43rd or 52nd officer received the Gold Cross for services performed wholly with his regiment; but several officers received it for actions in which they were engaged, sometimes with the 43rd or 52nd, and sometimes with other regiments, or on the staff. Sir John Colborne (Lord Seaton), for instance, had the Gold Cross with three clasps, which signified seven actions; and Lord Fitzroy Somerset (Lord Raglan) had no fewer than five clasps to his Gold Cross, though most of these were won when on the staff of Lord Wellington. As regards the Gold Medal, the following officers are known to have received it:—

MAJOR THE HON. HUGH ARBUTHNOTT, Gold Medal for *Busaco*, where he commanded the 52nd, in the absence of Lieut.-Colonel Robert Barclay, commanding a brigade of the Light Division.

MAJOR PATRICK CAMPBELL, Gold Medal for the *Nivelle*, and gold clasp for the *Nive*, in which actions he commanded the 52nd, while Lieut.-Colonel J. Colborne was in temporary command of a brigade of the Light Division.

MAJOR PETER DESHON, Gold Medal for the *Nive*, for commanding the 43rd, after Brevet Lieut.-Colonel W. Napier had been wounded.

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CAPTAIN JOHN DUFFY, Gold Medal for *Badajoz*, for commanding the 43rd, after Lieut.-Colonel Charles Macleod had been killed, and after Major Joseph Wells had been severely wounded.

CAPTAIN JAMES FERGUSSON, Gold Medal for *Badajoz*, as senior surviving officer of the Light Division storming party.

LIEUT.-COLONEL DANIEL JAMES HEARN, Gold Medal for *Vittoria*, where he commanded the 43rd.

MAJOR AND BREVET LIEUT.-COLONEL JOHN PHILIP HUNT, Gold Medal for *Badajoz* and gold clasp for *Salamanca*, in both of which actions he commanded the 52nd, in the absence of Lieut.-Colonel J. Colborne, who had been invalided to England on account of severe wounds received at Ciudad Rodrigo.

LIEUT.-COLONEL CHARLES MACLEOD,[1] Gold Medal for *Busaco*, and gold clasps for *Ciudad Rodrigo* and *Badajoz*, in which actions he was in command of the 43rd. [He was killed at Badajoz, and his medal was given to his relatives.]

MAJOR AND BREVET LIEUT.-COLONEL WILLIAM F. P. NAPIER,[1] Gold Medal for *Salamanca*, and gold clasps for the *Nivelle* and the *Nive*, in which actions he commanded the 43rd, in the absence of Lieut.-Colonel Hearn.

LIEUT.-COLONEL CHRISTOPHER PATRICKSON, Gold Medal for *Toulouse*, where he commanded the 43rd.

MAJOR JOSEPH WELLS, Gold Medal for *Badajoz*, where he commanded the 43rd when Lieut.-Colonel Macleod was killed, until he himself was severely wounded.

[1] The Gold Medals and clasps of Lieut.-Colonels Macleod and W. Napier are now in the possession of the Officers of the old 43rd.

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It will be seen from the above that medals were only for the few, and though Lord Wellington constantly represented the unfairness of restricting the grant of medals to the senior ranks, the authorities were not prevailed upon to make a wider distribution. A few commanding officers, however, took the matter into their own hands, and had special silver medals struck, or engraved, for distribution to the men of their regiments who had performed exceptional services. To collectors these medals are known as Regimental Medals,[1] and their scarcity in modern collections proves them to have been very seldom given. The only 43rd medals believed to be in existence at the present time are those presented to:—

PRIVATE HENRY WHARTON. See CHRONICLE, Vol. I., page 175.

COLOUR-SERGEANT R. JERMY. See CHRONICLE, Vol. III., page 159.

SERGEANT WILLIAM NEWMAN. See CHRONICLE, Vol. IX., page 270.

There have also been preserved two silver crosses, apparently given by the officers of the 43rd, instead of the medals, to:—

PRIVATE W. GRIFFITHS. See CHRONICLE, Vol. IX., page 268.

PRIVATE C. NUGENT. See CHRONICLE, Vol. XIX., page 145.

Whether any 43rd officers received those Regimental decorations seems doubtful.

A 52nd Regimental Medal was given to volunteers in the storming of fortresses, and was termed the

[1] The earliest 43rd Regimental Medals were those awarded to William Thomson and T. Loftus for Bunkers Hill, 1775. See CHRONICLE, Vol. XII., page 161, and illustration on page 270, Vol. IX. The medals are still in existence.

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Forlorn Hope Medal. We know of the existence of only one of these medals which was awarded to:—

PRIVATE JOHN JACK. See CHRONICLE, Vol. XIV., illustration page 205.

This Forlorn Hope Medal is said to have been given to a number of survivors of the 52nd storming parties at Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, and St. Sebastian, and it is strange that John Jack's decoration is the only one known to be now in existence.

We believe that the medal was given to officers who led the stormers, and that among those who received it were Major George Napier for Ciudad Rodrigo, and Lieut.-Colonel Hunt for St. Sebastian.

One other 52nd Regimental Medal[1] is extant, viz., that presented in 1809 to JOHN CAMPBELL, as a "Reward for Military Merit." (See CHRONICLE, Vol. XIX., page 145.)

Whether the rank and file felt the injustice of Government not recognising their services by the grant of a medal we cannot say, but it is certain that the junior officers of the Army frequently made known their grievances in this respect, and it was natural that they should do so, for there were in the Peninsular army many captains and subalterns who had fought continuously in battles and sieges innumerable, and who had shed their blood copiously for their country, without reward; while, by a stroke of fortune, a Major, perhaps only once engaged, might bring his regiment out of action and be awarded the Gold Medal. And when in 1815 a medal was granted to everyone who fought at Waterloo, all ranks of the Peninsular army cried out, not against the grant of the Waterloo Medal, but for the

[1] A medal of a different character was that presented to Colour-Sergeant John Rattery by the Sergeants of the 52nd, on his leaving the Regiment. It was sold by auction in London, in 1910, as a "Regimental Medal," but it was merely a parting souvenir from old comrades. See CHRONICLE, Vol. XIX., page 149.

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recognition of Peninsular fights as hard as that of Waterloo. The agitation went on for years, the Duke of Richmond (an old 52nd officer) being the prime mover, and it was mainly due to his indefatigable exertions[1] that eventually—but not until 1847—came the welcome news that the survivors of the Peninsular veterans were to be given a medal by Her Majesty Queen Victoria. This was the so-called Peninsular Medal, but it was officially styled the "Military and Naval General Service Medal," and the general order of the 1st June, 1847, defined the conditions under which it was to be granted, which may be briefly described as for all ranks of the Army and Navy engaged "during the wars commencing in 1793, and ending in 1814."

It is unnecessary to say anything here about the naval actions or about the engagements in America and elsewhere, for which the medal and clasps were awarded; but, as far as the Peninsular War is concerned, the battles and sieges for which the medal or clasps could be claimed were those mentioned a few pages back as qualifying for the Gold Medal. Very strict regulations were laid down for establishing claims to the medal, but after thirty-three years it was no easy matter to obtain reliable evidence of a man's presence in an action, and the original rolls required an immense amount of careful revision. In the CHRONICLE of 1904 we gave the War Office Rolls of 43rd and 52nd recipients of the Peninsular Medal, but even those rolls are not complete, as many officers and men sent in their claims on the staff or other regimental returns, and claims were often subse-

[1] On the 21st June, 1851 (the anniversary of the battle of Vittoria), the Duke of Richmond was entertained at a banquet in London, and presented with a testimonial in solid silver, to the value of fifteen hundred guineas, by the grateful recipients of the medal.

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quently readjusted, but not noted on the War Office Rolls. On these rolls, however, we have to rely for information concerning the clasps won by our ancestors of the Regiment. We know nothing of the services of the gallant dead—those who between 1808 and 1848 were killed in action, died of wounds or of disease contracted on active service, died in after-life from the effects of exposure and hardships during long years of campaigning, or died of old age—for forty years added to the age of such seasoned soldiers as fought at Vimiera would in many cases have made the veterans old indeed. The Medal Rolls, therefore, contain the names of the minority of the soldiers who fought in the war; "the majority of these old warriors, the survivors of a hundred fights, had fallen before the irresistible scythe of time, with no mark of their glorious services, except the honourable scars which they had received on the field of battle." [1]

The medal, which was issued in 1848, was worn with a ribbon similar in colour to that of the Gold Medal, viz., red centre and blue edges, and it has on the obverse the head of Queen Victoria, while on the reverse is shown Wellington kneeling before Her Majesty, who is crowning him with a laurel wreath. The clasps or bars bearing the names of the actions in which the recipient of the medal was engaged, were originally issued rivetted together in chronological order, so that the name of the earliest engagement came nearest to the medal. The value attached by modern collectors to Peninsular Medals depends entirely on the clasps, not only the number of them, but also the combination. Thus a medal with fourteen clasps might fetch in the sale room less than one with, say, four clasps, if these particular four clasps in combination had been issued to only a few men.

[1] *War Medals of the British Army*, by Thomas Carter and W. H. Long, 1893.

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A *Talavera* clasp adds a little to the value of a 43rd or 52nd medal, because only one company from each regiment was present at that battle, and only some fifty officers and men of the two regiments received the clasp,[1] but otherwise 43rd and 52nd Peninsular Medals have no extraordinary clasp combinations. The greatest number of clasps which it was possible for a 43rd man to have gained was fourteen, and for a 52nd man fifteen, the extra clasp in the latter case being for Orthes, but to have obtained the maximum number of clasps the man must have been at Talavera. As a matter of fact, no one in either regiment received the full number; though two 52nd men were awarded fourteen clasps, and three 43rd men twelve clasps.

The Waterloo Medal.

This medal was granted by the Prince Regent in April, 1816, to all officers and men present at the battle. On the obverse is the laureated head of George Prince Regent; and on the reverse is the seated figure of Victory, with "Wellington" above, and "Waterloo, June 18th, 1815," beneath. The ribbon, which was the same as that of the Peninsular Gold Medal, and attached to the medal by a large silver ring, was ordered to be worn at the button-hole; and it was further laid down that "the ribbon issued with the medal shall never be worn but with the medal suspended to it."

The medal was granted to fifty-nine officers and upwards of a thousand men of the 52nd,[2] the relatives of those killed, or who had died of disease, receiving the medal as an heirloom.

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[1] For list of Talavera clasps awarded to 43rd and 52nd, see Chronicle, 1895, page 153.

[2] The Waterloo Medal Roll is on page 162, Chronicle, 1903.

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The Kaffir War Medal.

At the end of 1854, Her Majesty Queen Victoria decided to grant a medal to all ranks of the Army who had taken part in the several Kaffir Wars between 1834 and 1853. This medal, known as the "Cape" or "South Africa Medal," has on the obverse the Queen's head, with inscription, "Victoria Regina," and on the reverse a lion crouching under a shrub, with "South Africa" above, and "1853" beneath. The ribbon is orange with dark blue stripes.

The officers and men of the 43rd engaged in the war of 1851–53 received this medal.

The Indian Mutiny Medal.

The obverse of this medal is similar to the last, and on the reverse is Britannia standing by the side of a British lion, with the word "India" above, and "1857–58" beneath. The medal was granted by a General Order of August 18th, 1858, and the greatest number of clasps obtainable was four. The ribbon is French-white, with two red stripes.

The officers and men of the 52nd received the medal with clasp for *Delhi*,[1] those of the 43rd the medal without clasp, or in some cases with the clasp for *Central India*.

The New Zealand War Medal.

By a General Order of March 1st, 1869, a medal was granted to the troops engaged in the wars in New Zealand during the years 1845–47, and 1860–66. Obverse: Queen's head, crowned and veiled, with the inscription, "Victoria, D.G. Britt. Reg. F.D." Reverse:

[1] See Chronicle, 1905, page 262, for the Delhi Roll.

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a laurel wreath, within which, in most cases, is engraved the years during which the recipient served; "New Zealand" above, and "Virtutis Honor" beneath. Ribbon: dark blue, with a central red stripe.

The officers and men of the 43rd received the medal for the second New Zealand War,[1] with dates generally from 1863 to 1866, but sometimes for a shorter period.

The India General Service Medal of 1895.

This took the place of the original India General Service Medal, the clasps for which had become so numerous that it was deemed advisable to issue a new medal for future campaigns.

The obverse of this medal has the Queen's head surrounded with the words, "Victoria Regina et Imperatrix"; and on the obverse are the figures of a British infantry soldier and an Indian cavalryman, with the words, "India, 1895."

The ribbon has five stripes, alternate red and green.

The officers and men of the 2nd Battalion of the Regiment who took part in the North-West Frontier Campaigns of 1897–98 received the medal, with two clasps, viz., *Punjab Frontier*, 1897-98, and *Tirah*, 1897-98.[2]

The South African War Medals.[3]

Two medals were issued for this war, viz., the Queen's Medal, with clasps for actions and spheres of operations, and the King's Medal, with a clasp for each of the years 1901 and 1902.

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[1] New Zealand Medal Roll, Chronicle, 1906, page 214.

[2] North-West Frontier of India Medal Roll, Chronicle, 1906, page 275.

[3] The names of the recipients of South African War Medals are on so many different rolls that, as yet, it has not been found possible to reduce them to order. It is, however, intended to publish a complete roll in an early issue of the Chronicle.—Ed.

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The Queen's Medal.

Obverse: the Queen's head, with the words, "Victoria Regina et Imperatrix." Reverse: the figure of Britannia, standing to welcome the victorious troops returning from the war; in her outstretched hand a laurel wreath; troops approaching on land, and a ship lying at anchor.

The ribbon has a broad, central, orange stripe, on either side of which is a narrow dark-blue stripe, with a slightly wider red marginal stripe.

The greatest number of clasps issued with this medal to officers and men of the Regiment who served solely with the 1st Battalion was four, viz., *Relief of Kimberley*, *Paardeburg*, *Driefontein*, *Transvaal*. Those who served with the Mounted Infantry Company of the Regiment received other and different clasps, in some cases as many as five.

The King's Medal.

While the war was still in progress King Edward VII. came to the throne, and he was pleased to command that a second medal should be granted to the troops engaged in South Africa during his reign. The reverse of this medal is similar to that of the Queen's Medal, but the obverse bears the King's head, with the words "Edwardus VII. Rex Imperator."

Ribbon: three broad stripes, green, white, and orange.

The majority of the officers and men of the 1st Battalion of the Regiment received this medal with two clasps, viz., *South Africa*, 1901, and *South Africa*, 1902.

In addition to the above medals awarded for campaigns in which not less than a whole Battalion of the

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Regiment took part, detachments of the 2nd Battalion Oxfordshire Light Infantry received medals for two campaigns, viz., *Egyptian Medal* (*Soudan*, 1885–6) and the Khedive's *Bronze Star*, awarded to one officer and thirty-two men,[1] who formed a section of a Mounted Infantry Company; and the *India General Service Medal* (1854 pattern), with clasps, *North-East Frontier*, 1891, granted to seven officers and some 200 men employed with the Wunthoo Column, Burma.[2]

[1] See CHRONICLE, 1908, page 314. The Egyptian Medal ribbon has three blue and two white stripes; the Bronze Star has a plain blue ribbon.

[2] The Medal Roll will be found on page 275, CHRONICLE, 1894. The ribbon has three red and two blue stripes.

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EARLY DAYS AT COWLEY DEPÔT.[1]
1876–1878.

By "The Kernel."

In 1874 the 52nd and the 85th were "linked battalions." The 52nd was then quartered at Portsmouth and the Depôt companies of the 85th were attached to it until the new barracks at Oxford should be ready for the reception of the depôts of the two regiments.

The ground at Bullingden (including the old cricket ground) was purchased by Government for the purpose of establishing the 42nd Brigade Depôt, but, owing to the opposition of the University authorities, it was nearly two years before the barracks were ready for occupation. The University objected to the military coming into their midst, as likely to lead to the corruption of the minds of the undergraduates. After two years' residence, however, it was found that we had not corrupted the undergraduates, and that they had not corrupted us; in fact, we all got on capitally together, the Vice-Chancellor and heads of colleges being most kind to us, and the undergraduates overwhelming in their hospitality.

The barracks were ready for occupation in 1876, when the following officers were appointed for duty at the Depôt:—

Colonel John Neptune Sargent, C.B.

52*nd Light Infantry:* Major Barwell, Captain Blackwood, Lieutenants Meade and Gough.

85*th Light Infantry:* Captain the Hon. E. à Court, Captain Ravenhill, Lieutenants J. Spens and Smythe.

[1] Kindly contributed by an old 85th Officer.—Ed.

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Adjutant: Captain W. H. Drage, 52nd Light Infantry.

There were also a Paymaster, Quartermaster, Sergeant-Major, Non-commissioned Officers, and about twenty-five old soldiers.

The officers' mess had already been furnished and set up with plate, linen, etc., at the expense of the 52nd and 85th, the officer commanding the 52nd detailing Captain Ravenhill and Lieut. Meade to make all necessary purchases, and providing them with £200 for the purpose.

The work at the Depôt consisted in drilling recruits as they came up, and, after three months, passing them on to the home battalion.

Between 1876 and 1878 other officers joined for duty at different times, and amongst them were Captain A. T. Crosse and Lieut. W. H. Cunliffe of the 52nd, and Captain G. Atkinson and Lieut. Ives of the 85th.

Colonel John Neptune Sargent, C.B., who commanded, was a married man, and lived with his wife and family at Woodperry, some four miles from the Depôt. He was a Crimean veteran, late of the 95th Regiment, and is described by Kinglake as a "man of iron will," and certainly he was rightly described. He was much liked and very hospitable.

A few anecdotes about him are worth repeating. One day the Duke of Cambridge came down to inspect the new depôt, and on the morning of this great event Colonel Sargent came into barracks in full-dress uniform, but wearing a plain-clothes tall hat. The guard turned out and presented arms to him as if nothing was the matter, but the Adjutant immediately went up to him and said: "Colonel, do you know what head-dress you have got on?" To this the Colonel replied calmly: "Yes, I do perfectly well. I left my cocked

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hat and forage-cap in barracks, and as I had to wear something it was a choice between my tall hat and my bowler. I chose the former because I was in full dress."

At Woodperry, the Colonel had a wooden horse always saddled and with sabretache and strings attached to the saddle. If at any time a note reached him from the barracks he treated it as a despatch, mounted the wooden horse, took pencil and paper from the sabretache and wrote his reply.

One day, when we were all in the ante-room, a civilian funeral passed along the road, and the guard turned out and presented arms. "Surely," said the Colonel, looking out of the window, "the guard ought to have turned about, as everything is reversed at a funeral." "Well, in that case, sir," remarked a captain, "they ought to have stood on their heads." To which sage remark the Colonel vouchsafed no reply.

At times he amused us a good deal in the orderly room, and I remember a case with which he dealt in a novel manner. An old married soldier had found a good-looking dog in barracks and had tied it up and fed it for a week. Then the owner discovered what had become of his dog and reported to the police that the dog was in barracks. The man was accordingly brought up before the Colonel, to whose inquiry he replied, "Yes, sir, I have the dog and have fed it for a week. I have told the owner that if he pays me five shillings he can have his dog."

Colonel: "Are you prepared to give up this dog that you have unlawfully detained?"

Soldier: "No, sir, not till I get my five shillings."

Colonel: "You will be placed in the guard-room and your case is remanded."

The man was brought up every morning from the

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Tuesday to the Friday; each day being asked if he had anything to say, but replying in the negative. On the Saturday, however, when asked the same question, he answered, "I am sorry, sir."

Colonel: "I have waited for that for a week. Now I can deal with you, but I could not do so before. Are you ready to give up the dog?"

Soldier: "Oh yes, sir."

Colonel: "Released."

The gallant Colonel certainly was a character. He used to say that he could not dine at Woodperry without good music, as he was accustomed to having the band at mess, so he always had two excellent musical boxes, first one being turned on and then the other. He gave a great dinner-party at his house one night and asked us all to meet H.R.H. Prince Leopold, then an undergraduate at Christ Church. By some mistake both the musical boxes were started together, much to our amusement, though to the horror of Mrs. Sargent.

I recollect that he had a capital hunter, but as it was too much for him and was always getting him into trouble he announced that he wanted to sell him. Captain Blackwood asked for particulars and price, as he thought of buying him, but the reply the Colonel gave was to take off his coat, roll up his shirt-sleeve, and show his forearm. "There," he added; "look at it. If I could not hold him with that, you certainly could not."

We had a merry time at the Easter Monday Volunteer Review at Dunstable, in 1877, when Colonel Sargent commanded a division. He had a staff of seven officers, including Captain Drage (52nd) and Captain Ravenhill (85th), and we all messed together in the hotel for three days. Colonel Sargent came in second in the field day, being defeated by the other Divisional Com-

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mander, but when it was all over, he thanked his staff for so ably carrying out every order he had given, concluding by saying that he had one more order to give, which was that he wished to pay the hotel bill (£40), and he hoped that this, his final order, would be carried out. It was.

We got on very well with the University authorities, and called on the Vice-Chancellor, who was entertained by the Colonel at one of his excellent dinner parties to which we were all invited. In due course the Vice-Chancellor asked us to a return dinner, to meet the heads of the colleges.

Shortly after our arrival at Oxford, the Proctor and Bull Dogs visited barracks to see all the officers, so as to be able to distinguish us from undergraduates. But as officers were frequently changing at the Depôt, it was of little use. One night, as I and another officer were returning over Magdalen Bridge, we heard footsteps coming quickly after us, and, making sure that we were being followed by the Bull Dogs, we increased our pace. They increased theirs. We ran, so did they. Then we stopped, and they came up and asked our names and colleges. "From barracks," we said. "Then, why did you run away?" they asked. "It is a free country," said we, "and we can run if we please." I think that the Bull Dogs enjoyed the joke as much as we did.

In 1877, the officers of the Depôt gave a ball, in one block of the barracks, to about 150 people, who said it was a great success. Most of the people invited were guests of the Mess, but each officer was allowed to ask eight private guests, of course sending in their names to the Mess President. We had great trouble in getting a return from one of the married officers, and when he did send it in, it contained no less than forty names.

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Expostulations of the strongest kind were required to induce him to strike out any of the names.

We had plenty of other amusements. A good many people hunted—amongst them, Captains Blackwood, à Court, and Atkinson; Lieutenants Smythe and Meade; and Colonel Sargent. Then there was cricket, and heaps of it. We could get the 'Varsity bowlers, Morley and Shaw, at 2*s.* per hour each, and any number of boys to field. The two best matches that I remember were played in 1878, viz., 85th Light Infantry *v.* Deddington, in which the best scores were made by Captain Ravenhill and Lieutenant J. Spens, and the Depôt *v.* St. John's College, in which Lieutenant Cunliffe made top score. They were close matches, but we were defeated in each case. Lawn tennis was also very popular at that time. The Bumpkin Club, formed by the county folk in the neighbourhood, had just been started, and soon afterwards changed its name to the Grasshopper Club, which still, I believe, continues to flourish and its members to hop—in fact some of its members, who hopped at the very beginning, are still hopping. Long may they do so.

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OBITUARY, 1911.

HENRY WILLIAM CROSBIE WARD, 5TH VISCOUNT BANGOR, died, at Castle Ward, County Down, on the 23rd February, 1911, in his 83rd year.

He entered the 43rd Light Infantry, as Ensign (then the Hon. H. W. C. Ward), 19th June, 1846; Lieutenant, 9th August, 1850; Captain, 27th May, 1853. Retired, July, 1855.

He served with the Regiment in the Kaffir War, 1851–3, and received the medal. In 1881, he succeeded his brother, 4th Viscount, and in 1886 he was elected an Irish Representative Peer.

Older 43rd officers will remember Lord Bangor's genial presence at the earlier, and somewhat informal, Regimental Dinners, held at Willis' Rooms, on which occasions he always sang "The Irish Jaunting Car."

MAJOR-GENERAL FRANCIS HUGH PLOWDEN, C.B., commanding the Northumbrian Division (T.F.), died, at Leyburn, on the 24th August, 1911, aged 60.

He joined the 43rd Light Infantry, as Sub-Lieutenant, 5th October, 1872; Lieutenant, antedated to 5th October, 1872; Captain, 19th August, 1881; Major, 1st September, 1886; Lieut.-Colonel, 17th June, 1896; Brevet-Colonel, 20th May, 1898; Colonel, 4th December, 1900; Major-General, 14th May, 1906.

From 1876 to 1881 he was Instructor of Musketry (43rd); Major, 2nd Battalion Oxfordshire Light Infantry, 1886; served on the staff, as Station Staff Officer, Bangalore, 1888 to 1890; transferred to 1st Battalion, 1891; commanded 2nd Battalion, 1896–1900.

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On the 4th December, 1900, Colonel Plowden was appointed an Assistant-Adjutant-General in India (Bombay); 21st November, 1902, appointed to command a 2nd Class District (India), with the temporary rank of Brigadier-General; 1905, Brigade Commander, Mandalay; 31st March, 1910, Northumbrian Division (T.F.).

Colonel Plowden commanded the 2nd Battalion Oxfordshire Light Infantry during the North-West Frontier of India Campaigns of 1897–98, with the Mohmand Field Force (mentioned in Despatches), and with the Tirah Expeditionary Force (severely wounded, and mentioned in Despatches). He received the medal, with two clasps, and brevet of Colonel; and in 1904 was created a Companion of the Bath.

Serving almost continuously for 28 years with one battalion or the other of the Regiment, General Plowden was, in every sense of the word, a "Regimental Officer," and no more zealous one ever served with the 43rd or 52nd. As Musketry Instructor (under the old system), as company commander, and as C.O. of a battalion, he was indefatigable, and his keenness never flagged. He had ever at heart the welfare of his officers and of his men, and though fully aware of the power of discipline, he ruled with that light but firm hand which only a tactful commanding officer knows how to use.

Those who served with him in his subaltern days in India and Burma will recall the interest which he took in getting up amusements for the men, and under his management, and that of Major W. Clark, the 43rd Dramatic Club was at its best. The pleasure which he derived from his stable of ponies will also be remembered, for he was a good all-round sportsman, a fearless rider, and the life and soul of Regimental racing and polo. There are still many in the Regiment who knew

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him in the prime of life, and neither they nor his older comrades will easily forget the cheery words with which he was wont to welcome them. Years left no mark upon him, and to his friends it seemed as if he were endowed with the gift of perpetual youth—yet, in this seeming youth, and without warning, he was called away.

LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR SEYMOUR JOHN BLANE, BART., C.B., died, in his 79th year, in London, on the 26th June, 1911.

He entered the Scots Guards in 1850, and served with them in the Crimean War; present at Balaclava and Inkerman (wounded), as well as at the siege and fall of Sevastopol. Mentioned in Despatches, and received the medal, with three clasps, the Sardinian and the Turkish Medals, and the Fifth Class of the Order of the Medjidie.

On the 19th September, 1856, he exchanged into the 52nd, and during the Indian Mutiny Campaign he was Brigade-Major to Sir Neville Chamberlain, and subsequently to General Nicholson in the operations in the Punjab and at the assault on Delhi. Three times mentioned in Despatches. Medal with clasp. Brevet of Major (1858), and of Lieut.-Colonel (1861).

After the suppression of the Mutiny, he served almost continuously on the staff; was Brigade-Major at Calcutta, 1859; and subsequently (from 1862) was Military Secretary and A.D.C. to four successive Governors-General of India. In 1869, he succeeded his father in the baronetcy, having previously exchanged into the Rifle Brigade, with Captain R. E. S. Harington (afterwards Harington-Stuart). Created C.B. 1871; promoted Major-General, 1879; retired, with the honorary rank of Lieut.-General, 1881.

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Colonel Thomas Simpson died, in London, on the 4th October, 1911, aged 71.

He joined the 52nd, as Ensign, 16th May, 1856; Lieutenant, 15th September, 1857; Captain, 26th February, 1864; Major, 19th February, 1870; retired, 1871.

He served with the 52nd at the defeat of the Sealkote mutineers on the banks of the Ravee on the 12th and 16th July, 1857; also from 14th August at the siege, assault, and occupation of Delhi (wounded in left shoulder). Medal with clasp.

Upon his retirement, he was appointed Captain in the Armagh Militia, 16th November, 1871; Major, 27th October, 1877 (Hon. Lieut.-Colonel 3rd Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1881), Lieut.-Colonel (Hon. Colonel), commanding 3rd Royal Irish Fusiliers, 31st May, 1886.

Colonel R. E. S. Harington-Stuart died, at 49, Cadogan Place, on the 27th December, 1911.

He was a Rifle Brigade officer, and saw service in the Crimea. In 1865 he exchanged into the 52nd with Captain and Brevet-Major S. J. Blane, but retired shortly afterwards. Later he assumed the additional name of Stuart, and became Colonel of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion Scottish Rifles.

Sergeant Joseph Cash died, this year, at Sydney (Australia), in his 83rd year. He served with the 43rd in the Indian Mutiny Campaign and in the New Zealand War, and left the Army to settle in New Zealand in March, 1866.

Benjamin Bream, late Private, 43rd Light Infantry, died at Bury St. Edmunds, at the age of 85, on the 29th March, 1911. He served in the Kaffir War, 1851–53,

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and in the Indian Mutiny Campaign, after which he was transferred to the Black Watch. For many years prior to his death Bream had been totally blind, but he was much liked, and was possessed of a fund of soldiers' tales, which never failed to interest his listeners. He was buried with military honours by the 3rd Suffolk Regiment, the cost of the funeral being defrayed by the Regimental Association of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

CHARLES CRESSWELL died at Aldham, Essex, in March, 1911, in his 87th year. He enlisted in the 43rd Light Infantry, November, 1846, and served with the Regiment until January, 1868, when he was discharged on a pension of 1*s.* 1*d.* per diem.

With the 43rd, he took part in the Kaffir War, 1851–53 (medal), the Indian Mutiny Campaign (medal), and the New Zealand War (medal).

Cresswell was much respected in his native village, where for upwards of thirty years he worked as a wagoner on the Bourchier's Hall Estate. He was buried with military honours. A portrait of him, while serving in New Zealand, will be found on page 242 of the CHRONICLE, 1896.

THOMAS HIGGINBOTTOM, formerly of the 52nd Light Infantry, and one of the Brethren of Lord Leycester's Hospital, Warwick, died at Warwick, 11th May, 1911, aged 78.

He enlisted in the 52nd in March, 1852, accompanied the Regiment to India in the following year, and served with it throughout the Indian Mutiny Campaign, being present at the storming and capture of Delhi (medal and clasp).

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Higginbottom returned to England with the Regiment in 1865, received the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct, and was discharged, on a pension of 1*s.* 1*d.* per diem, on the completion of 21 years' service, in 1873.

His funeral was attended by all the Brethren of the Hospital, and several representatives of his old Regiment. Among the wreaths may be mentioned one from the Officers of the 52nd; another from the Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers of the 52nd; a third from the Master and Brethren of Lord Leycester's Hospital; and a fourth, consisting of a wreath of laurels, to which was attached a card bearing the following words: "Delhi. 52nd Light Infantry. In memory of a faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end, from the family of his former masters, the Hon. Robert Reynell Verney, 52nd Light Infantry, and the Rev. and Hon. Walter R. Verney."

WILLIAM UNDERWOOD died, at Stansfield, on the 11th November, 1911, in his 87th year.

He enlisted in the 43rd Light Infantry in 1843, and served with the Regiment in the Kaffir War, 1851–53 (medal), and the Indian Mutiny Campaign (medal). He was granted the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct, and after 21 years' service was discharged, in 1864, on a pension of 1*s.* per diem.

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Private E. PEANT, 1st Battalion, 10th July, 1911.

Sergeant E. L. WOODESEN, 1st Battalion, 3rd October, 1911.

Private G. F. WOODS, 1st Battalion. At Netley. 8th December, 1911.

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